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CONNECTICUT MARIJUANA SALES

Advocates seek pot industry equity

Group presses to make it an opportunity for communities of color

By Stephen Singer
Hartford Courant

HAMDEN — As Connecticut prepares for the lucrative sale of adult-use cannabis, an advocacy group announced Tuesday it will work to make sure the new industry draws broad participation from Black and other underrepresented

communities as called for in state law.

“All these out-of-state operators ... are coming into our state and they’re coming into our state because they see the money that can be had and so we want to make sure that those funds are invested in our communities,” said Andrea Comer, chair of the Social Equity Council and deputy consumer protection commissioner.

But translating that into action will be complicated. Those who want to be cannabis sellers must

meet requirements for income, residency and business verification that will be approved next month by the council, Comer said at a news conference in Hamden announcing the Alliance for Cannabis Equity collaboration.

The Connecticut Community Outreach Revitalization Program, known as ConnCORP, and The WorkPlace, a Bridgeport-based workforce development group, announced the formation of the

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As Connecticut prepares for the eventual sale of adult-use cannabis, a group announced Tuesday an effort to ensure that businesses include strong provisions for social equity as called for in state law. **FILE**

RIISING CONSUMER COSTS



President Joe Biden delivers remarks on the economy in the South Court Auditorium on the White House campus Tuesday in Washington. **EVAN VUCC/AP**

CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

Virus surges litter nation

But outlook better than it was in 2020

By Ed White
Associated Press

The U.S. is facing its second Thanksgiving of the pandemic in better shape than the first time around, thanks to the vaccine, though some regions are seeing surges of COVID-19 cases that could get worse as families travel the country for gatherings that were impossible a year ago.

Nearly 200 million Americans are fully vaccinated. That leaves tens of millions who have yet to get a shot in the arm, some of them out of defiance. Hospitals in the cold Upper Midwest, especially Michigan and Minnesota, are filled with COVID-19 patients who are mostly unvaccinated.

Michigan hospitals reported about 3,800 coronavirus patients at the start of the week, with 20% in intensive care units, numbers that approach the bleakest days of the pandemic's 2020 start. The state had a seven-day new-case rate of 616 per 100,000 people Monday, highest in the nation.

In the West, New Mexico, Arizona, Colorado, Utah and Montana also ranked high. Some Colorado communities, including Denver, are turning to indoor mask orders to reduce risk, a policy that has also been adopted in the Buffalo, N.Y., area and Santa Cruz County, Calif.

The statistics in Michigan are “horrible,” said Dr. Matthew Trunsky, a respiratory specialist at Beaumont Health in suburban Detroit.

“We got cold and moved indoors and have huge pockets

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Colleges see uptick in COVID-19 cases

Some Connecticut colleges and universities have seen an uptick in COVID-19 cases in recent weeks amid a broader increase in coronavirus transmission statewide. **Connecticut, Page 1**

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Biden takes action to curb fuel prices

Orders release of 50 million barrels of oil from strategic reserve

By Christopher Keating
Hartford Courant

WEST HARTFORD — Going against critics in the gasoline industry, President Biden has ordered the release of 50 million barrels of oil from the nation's strategic reserve in an attempt to reduce rising energy costs.

“The president is sending a message,” said U.S. Sen. Richard Blumenthal, who had pushed for the release from the strategic reserve. “We’re going to take inflation seriously. We’re going to get it under control. We’re going to stop these spiraling

increases in prices, which are the major potential threat to economic progress.”

Before Biden's action, Blumenthal and 10 other Democratic senators sent the president a letter last week that called for releasing oil from the reserve. That has generated criticism from some in the gasoline industry because the move has been done only rarely by both Republican and Democratic presidents.

Tuesday's White House order was made in coordination with the world's major energy-using nations, including China,

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“We’re recovering from one of most massive health crises in our history. If this isn’t the time for the strategic petroleum reserve to be used — in a time of dire crisis — I don’t know what is.”

— U.S. Sen. Richard Blumenthal

CORONAVIRUS IN CONNECTICUT

State opens COVID-19 relief fund audit

Examination of how towns and cities spent aid follows alleged misuse of money in West Haven

By Andrew Brown
CT Mirror

State officials are set to launch an expansive audit into how Connecticut's 169 towns and cities spent roughly \$60 million in federal relief funding — money that was meant to help local governments cover emergency

costs during the pandemic.

The state Office of Policy and Management informed local officials Nov. 19 that it had hired an independent auditing firm to examine how each municipality in Connecticut used federal CARES Act money that was distributed last year.

The rollout of the statewide

audit comes on the heels of an FBI investigation into the alleged misuse of federal aid in West Haven.

The FBI arrested two former West Haven employees, including former state Democratic lawmaker Michael DiMassa, for allegedly funneling more than \$636,000 in federal relief funds to a shell company they controlled.

A team of auditors hired by OPM is already sifting through financial records from West

Haven to trace where that city's \$1.1 million in federal CARES Act funding has gone and to understand how the allegedly fraudulent transactions went unnoticed by city officials for more than eight months.

That level of scrutiny will soon be expanded to every municipality in Connecticut.

Chris McClure, a spokesman for OPM, said the state entered

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India, Japan, and South Korea. The 50 million barrels represents less than 10% of the national reserve.

The effort is aimed at having an impact on global energy markets, but also at American voters who are dealing with increased prices as they move into the busy driving season of the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. Nationally, gasoline prices have reached about \$3.40 per gallon, more than double the level of one year ago that had been decreased during the COVID-19 pandemic, according to the American Automobile Association.

While rare, the release from the strategic reserve is usually done only after major events like a hurricane or international incident.

During the first Gulf War in 1991, President George H.W. Bush released 17 million barrels. His son, President George W. Bush, took action in 2005 after the devastation of Hurricane Katrina by releasing 11 million barrels.

Bush's successor, Barack Obama,

responded to supply problems from oil-rich Libya in 2011 by releasing 30 million barrels. The oil is eventually restored to the reserves after the immediate crisis subsides.

Connecticut prices, according to AAA, are about 13 cents higher than the national average, but below the highest levels of \$4.62 per gallon in California and \$4.34 per gallon in Hawaii. At the low end, the average prices earlier this month were \$3.07 per gallon in Texas and \$3.03 per gallon in Oklahoma.

Christian Herb, who represents gasoline distributors who own and deliver to 1,000 stations in Connecticut, said recently that releasing the oil is not a good idea at the moment.

"The strategic reserve should be reserved for emergencies," Herb said. "It should not be used as a price tool. It's a one-time. It's like taking money out of your savings account. What happens in a real emergency when you have supply issues?"

But Blumenthal rejected the notion about only tapping the reserves during huge incidents like wars.

"We've had a massive event. It's called the pandemic," Blumenthal said. "We're recovering from one of most massive health crises in our history. If this isn't the time for the strategic petroleum reserve to be used — in a time of dire crisis — I don't know what is."

Gov. Ned Lamont, who appeared with Blumenthal in West Hartford to encourage Christmas shoppers to patronize small businesses, said, "A year and a half ago, we had oil tankers floating around in circles because nobody wanted the oil. Today, OPEC is playing some games. We have some shortages. So the strategic reserve is one way you can mitigate that. Not forever. But these are generally short-term supply issues, so I think it's appropriate."

Biden has been trying to respond to rising inflation, saying that his recently passed \$1 trillion infrastructure package would reduce price pressures by making it more efficient and cheaper to transport goods.

But Republican lawmakers have sharply criticized Biden as inflation reached a 31-year high in October, making comparisons

to the days of "stagflation" under the administration of Democrat Jimmy Carter.

The Strategic Petroleum Reserve is an emergency stockpile of about 605 million barrels to preserve access to oil in case of natural disasters, national security issues and other events. Overseen by the U.S. Energy Department, the reserves are stored in caverns created in salt domes along the Texas and Louisiana Gulf coasts.

"As we come out of an unprecedented global economic shutdown, oil supply has not kept up with demand, forcing working families and businesses to pay the price," Energy Secretary Jennifer Granholm said in a statement. "This action underscores the president's commitment to using the tools available to bring down costs for working families and to continue our economic recovery."

The Biden administration has argued that the supply of oil has not kept pace with demand as the global economy emerged from the pandemic, and the reserve is the proper tool to help ease the problem.

Americans used an average of

20.7 million barrels a day during September, according to the Energy Information Administration. That means that the release nearly equals about two-and-a-half days of additional supply — a tiny fraction of the overall gasoline usage.

The U.S. Department of Energy will make the oil available in two ways : 32 million barrels will be released in the next few months and will return to the reserve in the years ahead, the White House said. Another 18 barrels will be part of a sale of oil that Congress had previously authorized.

White House press secretary Jen Psaki said Monday that the White House would closely watch the oil companies, too.

"We will continue to press oil companies who have made record profits and are overseeing what we consider to be price gouging out there when there's a supply of oil or the price of oil is coming down and the price of gas is not coming down," Psaki said. "It does not take an economic expert to know that's a problem."

Associated Press contributed to this report.



Dona Sutton, a nurse, works with a COVID-19 patient Saturday in Alma, Michigan. Coronavirus cases are rising again in parts of the country.

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of unvaccinated people," he said. "You can't have pockets of unvaccinated people who don't want to be masked and not expect to get outbreaks, not expect to lose parents, not expect to lose teachers."

He said he continues to encounter patients and their family members espousing conspiracy theories about the vaccine.

"We've had several people in their 40s die in the last month — 100% unvaccinated," Trunsky said. "It's just so incredibly sad to see a woman die with teenagers. Especially with that age group, it's nearly 100% preventable."

In Detroit, where less than 40% of eligible residents were fully vaccinated, Mayor Mike Duggan said hospitalizations have doubled since early November.

"We have far too many people in this country that we have lost because they believed some nonsense on the internet and decided not to get the vaccine," said Duggan, a former hospital executive.

Despite hot spots, the outlook in the U.S. overall is better than it was at Thanksgiving 2020.

Without the vaccine, which became available in mid-December 2020, the U.S. a year ago was averaging 169,000 cases and 1,645 deaths per day, and about 81,000 people were in the hospital with COVID-19. The U.S. now is averaging 95,000 cases, 1,115 deaths and 40,000 in the hospital.

Airports have been jammed. More than 2.2 million people passed through security checkpoints Friday, the busiest day since the pandemic shut down travel early in 2020. On some recent days, the number of travelers was twice as high as Thanksgiving a year ago.

Sarene Brown and three children, all vaccinated, were flying to Atlanta from Newark, New Jersey, to see family.

"I'm thankful that I'm here, and I'm not in heaven, and I'm thankful for my family and that God helped me survive," said Neive Brown, 7, who got her first dose.

More than 500,000 Americans have died of COVID-19 since last Thanksgiving, for an overall death toll of over 770,000.

"We would encourage people

who gather to do so safely after they've been fully vaccinated, as we've been saying for months now," said Dr. Rochelle Walensky, director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

"I do think that this is very different because we actually have the tools to prevent the vast majority of cases," Dr. Eric Topol, head of the Scripps Research Translational Institute, said his optimism is tempered by the delta variant's ability to jump from person to person, especially among the millions who are unvaccinated or are due for a booster.

"That equals very high vulnerability," Topol said.

Denver's public hospital, Denver Health, is sending people elsewhere because of a lack of beds. Staff members were exhausted from treating COVID-19 patients and others who had postponed other medical needs, chief executive Robin Wittenstein said.

"Our system is on the brink of collapse," she said.

Arizona reported at least 2,551 COVID-19 patients in hospitals, far below the peak of last winter but still reason for concern. Officials said beds were limited

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Panel backs restoration of Brinson’s law license

City council hopeful was convicted of having role in stock swindle

By Edmund H. Mahony
Hartford Courant

A bar committee has recommended that Hartford political aspirant Corey Brinson be reinstated as an attorney after he lost his law license for using his firm’s bank account to launder money for stock swindlers. The recommendation must be approved by a panel of three Superior Court judges.

In an anonymous 3-1 decision, a committee of state lawyers said Brinson persuaded them that his effort at rehabilitation during and after his three-year prison sentence shows he “possesses the good moral character and fitness to practice law.” The lawyer voting against Brinson said reinstatement was undeserved for a variety of reasons, among them the offense having been “too egregious” and his acceptance of responsibility incomplete and characterized by “too many qualifications and excuses.”

One of Brinson’s advocates for reinstatement, attorney Mark



Then-Hartford City Council candidate Corey Brinson addresses a crowd of about 25 at a forum in 2019. He was running under the Second Chance Party, an organization he created after serving a federal prison sentence connected to a stock swindle. **REBECCA LURYE / HARTFORD COURANT**

Dubois — former president of the Connecticut Bar Association and the state’s former chief bar disciplinarian — argued to the committee that the legal profession is partly to blame for Brinson’s crime because it fails to properly prepare young lawyers, “especially ones such as [Brinson], who are from socio-economic

nomically disadvantaged backgrounds.”

Brinson said in his application for reinstatement that he was raised by a single mother in a lower middle-class home in Hartford. He served in the Middle East with the Air Force National Guard before graduating from the University of

Connecticut and its law school. He worked for large law firms in Hartford and Washington, D.C. before opening his own office in Hartford in 2009.

Brinson was a candidate for the Hartford City Council in 2019 after his release from prison. He was convicted of a fraud-related charge for using his law office trust fund to launder money for stock manipulators organized by Christian Meissenn of Suffield, who swindled tens of millions of dollars, much of it from retirees, by fraudulently inflating the value of worthless penny stocks.

Meissenn funneled about \$3 million derived from fraudulent sales through Brinson’s law firm account. Brinson collected about \$200,000 for the service and distributed the money back to Meissenn and his associates. Brinson also wrote, or arranged for others to write, attorney letters attesting to the soundness of fraudulent stock offerings to potential investors.

Some of the expenses covered by distributions from the Brinson trust account included \$12,100 in tuition payments for one of Meissenn’s children, about \$519,000 in cash withdrawals and the invest-

ment of \$22,000 into a business called Classic Vehicle, which he and Meissenn owned.

Brinson has acknowledged, according to a report by the panel of lawyers, that Classic Vehicle was a sham business created to give Meissenn access to a bank account. Meissenn was prohibited from opening bank accounts under the terms of his previous disbarment from the securities industry for fraud.

Brinson has said he was naïve and manipulated by Meissenn at first but continued to participate in the conspiracy after realizing he was involved in a fraud. The committee of lawyers reported that he was motivated by a desire to generate income for his law firm.

Brinson admitted his guilt immediately and cooperated when confronted by the FBI. Since his release from prison, he has complied with a court-ordered schedule to contribute to a joint, \$1.4 million restitution fund.

The committee report said Brinson has frequently volunteered his time to youth and school groups. He has also worked for a legal clinic and opened a business that assists prison inmates trying to win pardons.

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a contract with CohnReznick, a Hartford accounting firm, to review all of the municipal relief funding.

Republican leaders in the Connecticut General Assembly have repeatedly called for more oversight following the federal fraud charges in West Haven.

A handful of Republican lawmakers sent a letter to OPM secretary Melissa McCaw in late October asking her to explain how her agency oversaw the millions of dollars that were sent to the municipalities last year.

Kevin Kelly, the Republican leader in the Senate, pointed out that the state is still responsible for any of the federal money that was passed on to the local governments, since Connecticut was the primary recipient of those funds.

“This money was entrusted by the federal government to the state of Connecticut to help people who were being negatively impacted by a pandemic of historic proportions,” Kelly said. “It was given to Connecticut for a very specific purpose, for a very specific need. And the state has a responsibility to make sure the funds were used for that purpose.”

The alleged fraud in West Haven might be an isolated incident, Kelly said, but the only way OPM can determine that is by inspecting records in other municipalities.

OPM already has some insight into how the towns and cities spent

roughly \$14.8 million between March and June 2020.

During that early stage of the pandemic, the state required the municipalities to pay for coronavirus-related expenditures on their own and to request reimbursement for that spending afterwards.

But those procedures changed late last year as state officials attempted to push more money out the door and into the hands of local elected leaders, who were clamoring for more financial assistance to help carry them through the pandemic.

“The administration heard from local governments early and often that they were deeply concerned about their municipal budgets and their inability to simultaneously handle increased costs and losing property tax revenues,” McClure said.

To “streamline the process,” OPM officials decided late last year to give every city and town a lump-sum payment based on their population. The state also dropped the requirements for the municipalities to immediately report information about every expenditure they billed to the CARES Act funding.

The only thing the towns and cities had to do in order to claim their share of the money was to certify that they would follow the federal rules surrounding the grant funding.

The state government, McClure said, made it clear to municipalities that the federal funding could only be used for specific purposes related to the pandemic. OPM also



State Rep. Michael DiMassa, middle, leaves the United States Courthouse with attorney John R. Gulash, right, after DiMassa was arrested by the FBI in a probe of misuse of COVID-19 relief funds. DiMassa is accused of stealing more than \$600,000 in federal relief money from West Haven. **MARK MIRKO/HARTFORD COURANT**

emphasized that the money could be subject to audit at a later date, he said.

Sen. Catherine Osten and Rep. Toni Walker, the Democratic co-chairs of the legislature’s Appropriations Committee, said the decision to hand out lump-sum payments was necessary because many municipalities didn’t have enough cash on hand to pay for expenditures on their own before seeking reimbursement.

“Many of the towns and cities that were affected were already in the red because of the pandemic and expenses that they had not prepared for,” Walker said. “That’s part of the reason why it

took so long for the monies to get dispersed because they just didn’t have the depth to be able to cover everything up front.”

Changing the rules worked. It got the federal money into the communities that needed help coping with the pandemic. But it also left OPM with only a vague understanding of how the municipalities allocated a combined \$45.5 million.

Up until last month, the state had almost no information about what the cities and towns had spent that cash on.

Since then, OPM required each municipality to report how much money had already been spent.

The agency also asked the towns and cities to break the costs down into 14 broad categories, including cleaning supplies, COVID-19 testing, office modifications, local health spending, payroll costs, food assistance for local residents, and masks and other personal protective equipment for public employees.

But that high-level data provided no insight about who may have profited from the local emergency spending or whether the money was actually used for its intended purposes.

In West Haven, for example, the city’s finance director provided data to OPM that showed almost all of the \$1.1 million the city received had been spent by this fall.

Yet it is impossible to know based on that information that more than half of West Haven’s funds were allegedly diverted to a limited liability company that DiMassa and the other city employee controlled.

The independent auditing firm hired by OPM is likely to delve into that level of detail, however.

In a letter that was sent to the towns and cities last week, state officials instructed the municipalities to itemize every expenditure and to prepare an explanation for why those costs are eligible under the CARES Act.

But that could be just the beginning of the process. Once the audit actually begins, McClure said, OPM could ask the municipalities to provide more extensive documentation on each expenditure.

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Alliance for Cannabis Equity to focus on economic opportunities, such as workforce training, for Black and brown entrepreneurs and workers.

Carlton Highsmith, board chairman of ConCorp, a New Haven economic development organization, said cannabis legislation signed into law in June by Gov. Ned Lamont will create thousands of jobs, dozens of new businesses and “millions, if not billions, of dollars of wealth.”

Communities that were hurt by the war on drugs and are the intended beneficiaries of the law should benefit from the commercialization of cannabis, he said.

Over the past five years, as the General Assembly considered bills legalizing cannabis, the tenor of the debate shifted. Advocates initially were focused primarily on tax revenue Connecticut was losing to Massachusetts and other states with retail marijuana markets.

But about two years ago, the emphasis shifted as lawmakers sought to address longstanding inequities. The law includes

a “social equity” provision intended to provide those hurt by the prohibition of marijuana an expedited opportunity to enter the potentially lucrative cannabis market.

“We don’t want fronts,” said Fred McKinney, a principal and co-founder of BJM Solutions, an economic consultant firm. “We don’t want these entrepreneurs in name only. We don’t want these entrepreneurs exploited and we don’t want the community to miss out on the opportunity to create wealth.”

The first cannabis sales will likely be in 2023, she said.

Rep. Juan Candelaria, a backer of legalizing adult-use marijuana, said it’s too early to tell if equity issues are being fully pursued. But he praised efforts to push the process along.

“I think that anything additional will add at least oversight that the provisions will be met,” he said in an interview. “To put it together will take a lot.”

Joseph Carbone, president and chief executive officer of The Workplace, said jobs in the cannabis industry are among the fastest growing in the United States. Cannabis jobs provide the “kind of wages to help make sure people

are in the middle class of America,” he said.

The cannabis industry will require numerous jobs in many areas: growing, selling and marketing marijuana, transportation and other skills that require different types of workforce training, Carbone said.

“The hardest thing that I have found in my 25 years at The Workplace is helping people to raise their expectations for themselves,” he said. “That’s the result of decades of discrimination.”

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President taps petroleum reserve

In bid to lower gas prices, Biden orders 50M barrels released

By Josh Boak and Colleen Long
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Joe Biden on Tuesday ordered a record-setting 50 million barrels of oil released from America’s strategic reserve to help bring down energy costs, in coordination with other major energy consuming nations, including India, the United Kingdom and China.

The U.S. action is aimed at global energy markets, but also at helping Americans coping with higher inflation and rising prices ahead of Thanksgiving and winter holiday travel. Gasoline prices average about \$3.40 a gallon, more than 50% higher than a year ago, according to the American Automobile Association.

“While our combined actions will not solve the problems of high gas prices overnight, it will make a difference,” Biden promised in remarks. “It will take time, but before long you should see the price of gas drop where you fill up your tank.”

The government will begin to move barrels into the market in mid-to late-December. Gasoline usually responds at a lag to changes in oil prices, and administration officials suggested this is one of several steps toward ultimately bringing down costs.

Oil prices had dropped in the days ahead of the announced withdrawals, a sign that investors were anticipating the moves that could bring a combined 70 million to 80 million barrels



A gas station sign Tuesday in Annapolis, Md. Several factors have pushed prices to a seven-year high. JIM WATSON/GETTY-AFP

of oil onto global markets. But in Tuesday morning trading, prices shot up nearly 2% instead of falling.

The market was expecting the news, and traders may have been underwhelmed when they saw the details, said Claudio Galimberti, senior vice president for oil markets at Rystad Energy.

“The problem is that everybody knows that this measure is temporary,” Galimberti said. “So once it is stopped, then if demand continues to be above supply like it is right now, then you’re back to square one.”

Shortly after the U.S. announcement, India said it would release 5 million

barrels from its strategic reserves. The British government confirmed it will release up to 1.5 million barrels from its stockpile. Japan and South Korea are also participating. U.S. officials say it’s the biggest coordinated release from global strategic reserves.

Prime Minister Boris Johnson’s spokesman, Max Blain, said it was “a sensible and measured step to support global markets” during the pandemic recovery.

The actions by the U.S. and others also risk counter moves by Gulf nations, especially Saudi Arabia, and by Russia. Saudi Arabia and

other Gulf countries have made clear they intend to control supply to keep prices high for the time being.

Wyoming Sen. John Barrasso was among Republicans who criticized Biden’s announcement. The No. 3 Senate Republican said the underlying issue is restrictions on domestic production by the Biden administration.

“Begging OPEC and Russia to increase production and now using the Strategic Petroleum Reserve are desperate attempts to address a Biden-caused disaster,” Barrasso said. “They’re not substitutes for American energy produc-

tion.”

Biden has scrambled to reshape much of his economic agenda around the issue of inflation, saying that his recently passed \$1 trillion infrastructure package will reduce price pressures by making it more efficient and cheaper to transport goods.

Republican lawmakers have hammered the administration for inflation hitting a 31-year high in October. The consumer price index soared 6.2% from a year ago — the biggest 12-month jump since 1990.

The Strategic Petroleum Reserve is an emergency stockpile to preserve

access to oil in case of natural disasters, national security issues and other events. Maintained by the Energy Department, the reserves are stored in caverns created in salt domes along the Texas and Louisiana Gulf Coasts. There are roughly 605 million barrels of petroleum in the reserve.

The Biden administration argues that the reserve is the right tool to help ease the supply problem. Americans used an average of 20.7 million barrels a day during September, according to the Energy Information Administration. That means that the release nearly equals about 2 ½ days of additional supply.

“Right now, I will do what needs to be done to reduce the price you pay at the pump,” Biden said. “From the middle class, and working families that are spending much too much and it’s a strain ... you’re the reason I was sent here to look out for you.”

Biden said the White House was looking into potential price gouging by gas companies squeezing customers while making money off the lowered oil costs. And Energy Secretary Jennifer Granholm says that U.S. companies are part of the problem, keeping production below pre-pandemic levels in order to increase their profits.

The coronavirus pandemic roiled energy markets. As closures began in April 2020, demand collapsed and oil futures prices turned negative. Energy traders did not want to get stuck with crude that they could not store. But as the economy recovered, prices jumped to a seven-year high in October.

Fundraising pleas detail plight of parade survivors

Injured girl upon waking up: ‘Just glue me back together’

By Scott Bauer and Tammy Webber
Associated Press

MADISON, Wis. — Friends and families of the roughly 60 people, including many children, hit by an SUV that sped through a Christmas parade in a suburban Milwaukee downtown say they suffered life-threatening injuries, with some clinging to life.

One of the injured children, 8-year-old Jackson Sparks, died Tuesday, his parents announced on his GoFundMe page. His brother, 12-year-old Tucker Sparks, remained hospitalized. They were both marching with their baseball team when they were hit.

A young girl who is a member of a dance troupe struck by the SUV, a moment captured on cellphone video, woke up Monday and told doctors, “just glue me back together,” according to her GoFundMe fundraising page organized by a family friend.

“No child or parent should have to endure this amount pain and suffering,” the girl’s mother, Amber Konhke,

posted Tuesday.

The fundraising pleas detail the extent of some of the injuries from the incident that has left six people dead and scores injured.

The suspect, Darrell Brooks Jr., was charged with five counts of first-degree intentional homicide. A sixth count for the death of Jackson Sparks, which happened after the complaint was drawn up, will be added, according to Waukesha County District Attorney Susan Oppen.

Konhke’s daughter Jessalyn is shown smiling at the camera on one GoFundMe page, wearing a white Santa hat and holding pompoms. She is standing alongside other girls on the Waukesha Xtreme Dance team in a picture taken moments before she was struck.

Jessalyn is “fighting for her life,” according to the fundraising account established by family friend Oscar Luna. She lost a kidney, broke her pelvis and has damage to her liver and lungs, Luna said.

“This holiday season will be a brutal one for them,” he said of their family.

In an update posted Tuesday, Luna wrote that she had woken up briefly Monday.

“She is not fully aware of the severity of her injuries

but managed to say, ‘just glue me back together,’” he wrote. “Only a child could reference themselves as a little doll in this situation.”

Julia, who was also marching with her dance team and whose last name also isn’t given, “is in the fight for her life,” suffering from brain trauma after being hit, her fundraising page established by family friend Jen McCarthy says.

“Everyone that knows this little girl knows what joy she brings to the world,” the post says. “She has a heart of gold, a smile that can light up the room and is loved by so many.”

Aidan Laughrin, a senior at Waukesha South High School, was hit while performing with the marching band, suffering fractured ribs, according to an online fundraiser.

The family is “tough but the road ahead is going to be tough too, both physically and emotionally,” the organizer posted.

Another band member, saxophonist Tyler Pudliner, also was struck and has undergone two surgeries since Sunday. “He has a long road to recovery,” wrote Joane Chmiel, one of two people raising money to help Pudliner.

Tamara Rosentreter was



People gather for a candlelight vigil Monday for those affected by Sunday’s parade tragedy in Waukesha, which is 20 miles west of Milwaukee. SCOTT ASH/MILWAUKEE JOURNAL-SENTINEL

doing what she loved, entertaining the crowd as part of the Milwaukee Dancing Grannies, when she was struck by the SUV that took the lives of three of her fellow dancers.

The mother of four and grandmother of one was the leader of the troupe, according to an online fundraiser seeking help for Rosentreter’s recovery.

The organizer posted a message from Rosentreter, who said “I’m still here. Lots of pain, stitches, broken bones and lots of bumps and

bruises. Love you ALL.”

She described how a woman prayed for her at the scene “to help give me peace and comfort” and how another kept her warm with a blanket.

“This tragedy is so hard to wrap my head around,” she said, saying her “heart aches” for the victims and their families, those who witnessed the devastation and “for my teammates and their families who are my family.”

More than \$787,000 had been raised for the

18 GoFundMe-verified pages for parade victims. Another community fund for victims had raised more than \$600,000 by Tuesday morning, said Waukesha Mayor Shawn Reilly. The Waukesha County Community Foundation said that fund had grown to more than \$916,000 by Tuesday afternoon.

“There’s so much outpouring of support,” he said. “It warms your heart to know that people are saying, ‘We support your community, we feel for you.’”

Jury rules 3 pharmacy chains at fault for opioid crisis in 2 Ohio counties

By John Seewer
Associated Press

CLEVELAND — CVS, Walgreens and Walmart pharmacies recklessly distributed massive amounts of pain pills in two Ohio counties, a federal jury said Tuesday in a verdict that could set the tone for U.S. city and county governments that want to hold pharmacies accountable for their roles in the opioid crisis.

Lake and Trumbull coun-

ties blamed the three chain pharmacies for not stopping the flood of pills that caused hundreds of overdose deaths and cost each of the two counties about \$1 billion, said their attorney, who in court compared the pharmacies’ dispensing to a gumball machine.

How much the pharmacies must pay in damages will be decided in the spring by a federal judge.

It’s the first time pharmacy companies completed a trial to defend themselves

in a drug crisis that killed a half-million Americans over the past two decades.

The counties convinced the jury that the pharmacies played an outsized role in creating a public nuisance in the way they dispensed pain medication into their communities.

“The law requires pharmacies to be diligent in dealing drugs. This case should be a wake-up call that failure will not be accepted,” said Mark Lanier, an attorney for the counties.

“The jury sounded a bell that should be heard through all pharmacies in America,” Lanier said.

Attorneys for the pharmacy chains maintained they had policies to stem the flow of pills when their pharmacists had concerns and would notify authorities about suspicious orders from doctors. They also said it was doctors who controlled how many pills were prescribed for legitimate medical needs.

CVSHealth, Walgreen Co.

and Walmart Inc. said they will appeal.

Walmart said in a statement that the counties’ attorneys sued “in search of deep pockets while ignoring the real causes of the opioid crisis — such as pill mill doctors, illegal drugs, and regulators asleep at the switch — and they wrongly claimed pharmacists must second-guess doctors in a way the law never intended and many federal and state health regulators say interferes with the doctor-patient

relationship.”

Walgreen spokesperson Fraser Engerman characterized the case as an unsustainable effort “to resolve the opioid crisis with an unprecedented expansion of public nuisance law.”

A statement from CVS spokesperson Mike DeAngelis noted: “As plaintiffs’ own experts testified, many factors have contributed to the opioid abuse issue, and solving this problem will require involvement from all stakeholders.”

WORLD & NATION

Suspect charged in parade tragedy

Man heard crying
at court appearance;
death toll rises to 6

By Scott Bauer
Associated Press

Prosecutors in Wisconsin on Tuesday charged a man with intentional homicide in the deaths of five people who were killed when an SUV was driven into a Christmas parade that also left roughly 60 people injured, including many children.

Prosecutors say a sixth person, a child, died and more charges are pending.

The parents of Jackson Sparks, 8, announced his death on a GoFundMe page. His brother, 12-year-old Tucker Sparks, remained hospitalized.

Darrell Brooks Jr. was charged with five counts of intentional homicide in the crash Sunday in Waukesha, a Milwaukee suburb. Conviction on first-degree intentional homicide carries a mandatory life sentence, Wisconsin's stiffest penalty.

Brooks made his initial appearance in court Tuesday. He could be heard crying during the proceeding, leaning over with his head nearly in his lap, with his attorney resting a hand on his back.

The city's livestream video and bystander video captured the chaotic scene when an SUV sped along the parade route and then into the crowd. Several of those injured remain in critical condition.

According to the criminal complaint, witnesses told police that the vehicle "appeared to be intentionally moving side to side," with no attempt to slow down or stop as it struck multiple people and sent bodies and objects flying.

The criminal complaint said a police officer shot at the vehicle, striking it three times, and a detective stepped in front of Brooks' vehicle and pounded on the hood, shouting "Stop," several times, but Brooks drove past him.

The complaint said the detective was wearing police insignia and a neon orange safety vest.

One pending case against Brooks included an allegation that he deliberately hit a woman with his car Nov. 2 after a fight. Prosecutors in



A mourner cries at a memorial Tuesday in Waukesha, Wisconsin, which is reeling from Sunday's tragedy. JEFFREY PHELPS/AP

Milwaukee County on Monday called their \$1,000 bail recommendation "inappropriately low" given the facts of that case and the Sunday crash, and said they would review it.

Julius Kim, a defense attorney and former assistant prosecutor, said the bail could easily have been set more than twice as high.

"He was accused of running over the mother of his kid, and to put it at \$1,000 strikes me as low," Kim said. "It could have been an inexperienced attorney who happened to be reviewing cases that day."

Cash bail on the latest charges is set at \$5 million, and a preliminary hearing is scheduled for Jan. 14.

Waukesha police Chief Dan Thompson said Brooks, 39, was leaving the scene of a domestic dispute that had taken place just minutes earlier when he drove into the parade route.

Brooks has been charged with crimes more than a dozen times

since 1999 and had two outstanding cases against him at the time of the parade disaster. That included resisting or obstructing an officer, reckless endangering, disorderly conduct, bail jumping and battery for the November incident.

Legal experts cautioned that one extreme case should not be a reason to push for higher bail amounts that would keep poorer defendants behind bars longer while they await trial.

"We don't want to have a knee-jerk reaction here and say 'Let's lock up a lot of people pretrial,'" said John Gross, a law professor at the University of Wisconsin Law School and also the director of its Public Defender Project.

"I'm sure the district attorney's office is going to look back at this and ask themselves, 'Did we get this wrong?'" Gross said. "This is such an extreme incident. Could they reasonably expect he would

get behind a vehicle and run people down on a parade route? What would have alerted you to the capacity he would have had for this kind of violence?"

Some Republicans were quick to jump on the case as an example of a broken legal system.

Republican Rebecca Kleefisch, a former Wisconsin lieutenant governor who is running for governor in 2022, called the killings "yet another avoidable tragedy that occurred because a violent career criminal was allowed to walk free and terrorize our community."

And Republican state Rep. Cindi Duchow said she was reintroducing a constitutional amendment that would change the bail process in Wisconsin to allow judges to consider a defendant's danger to the community when setting bail.

Judges currently are only allowed to consider the possibil-

ity that defendants might not show up for a court appearance when setting bail.

"He tried to run over his girlfriend with his car — that's attempted murder," Duchow said. "If you're a danger to society, you should have to work hard to get out."

NBC News published doorbell camera footage that appeared to capture Brooks' arrest.

It showed Brooks, shivering in a T-shirt, knocking on a homeowner's door and asking for help calling for a ride.

Moments later, police surrounded the house and shouted, "Hands up!"

Brooks, standing on the porch, held up his hands and said, "Whoa whoa whoa!"

Hundreds gathered at a downtown park Monday night in Waukesha for a candlelight vigil in honor of those lost and hurt.

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WORLD & NATION

Afghan orchards give way to opium

War’s end, drought and economic crisis force farmers to shift

By Thomas Gibbons-Neff and Taimoor Shah
The New York Times

ARGHANDAB, Afghanistan — Abdul Hamid’s pomegranate trees were scarred from bullets and shrapnel. There was no profit anymore from the fruit that made his district in southern Afghanistan so renowned for something other than war.

So this month, Hamid’s field hands began destroying his 800 or so pomegranate trees in Kandahar’s Arghandab district. He looked on as the century-old orchard, farmed for generations by his family, was turned into a graveyard of twisted trunks, discarded fruit and churned earth.

“There’s no water, no good crops,” Hamid, 80, said, the steady burp of a chain saw drowning out his assessment.

The Taliban’s military campaign over the past year didn’t help.

The decision to destroy his entire orchard is one that Hamid and many other Afghans farmers in the district are making to earn an income after a series of devastating harvest seasons. A crippling drought, financial hardships and unpredictable border closures at the war’s end have sent them scrambling for the security of the region’s most reliable economic engine: growing opium poppy.

One orchard turned poppy field means little on the broader scale of Afghanistan’s opium output, the largest in the world, accounting for more than 80% of the world’s supply, according to the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime.

But what is happening in Arghandab and elsewhere in Afghanistan, in the middle of an economic collapse that



Farmers harvest poppies Nov. 7 in Afghanistan’s Kandahar province. Afghanistan’s opium output accounts for over 80% of the world’s supply, according to the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime. JIM HUYLEBROEK/THE NEW YORK TIMES

has led to a nationwide cash crunch, may have ramifications for the drug’s production and trafficking across Afghanistan. Many fear that this season is an early warning of much higher cultivation in the future.

“Next year you will see poppy crops,” Mohammed Omar, 54, another pomegranate farmer, said as he strutted through his orchard.

In Arghandab, the pomegranate is undoubtedly the pride of southern Afghanistan and long a valuable export. The red fruit is traditionally exported to Pakistan, India and sometimes the Persian Gulf, but recent border restrictions and airport closings since the Taliban’s seizure of power have made trade extremely difficult. The border with Pakistan is sometimes closed and sometimes open, a fitful pattern that antagonizes the Afghan pomegranate farmers and buyers to no

end as they try to time their harvests, sales and exports.

In October 2020, a Taliban offensive pierced into the heart of the district in the middle of the harvest, with government and Taliban front lines arrayed along the river. Insurgent homemade explosives littered the orchards, killing farmers who ventured within to tend to their crops. The fighting cut off important roads, preventing fruit from making it to market.

Pomegranates died on their branches as field hands waited for the airstrikes and mortars and bursts of machine-gun fire to stop.

The fighting finally ended when Kandahar fell to the Taliban in August, leaving abandoned police outposts in the district, Taliban foxholes in orchards and burned trees as evidence of the violence that tore through the idyllic area of interconnected fields and dusty roads.

At nearly 80, Lewanai Agha has harvested pomegranates his entire life. He kept on while also fighting in the Soviet war in the 1980s as an insurgent, surviving the civil war and the rise of the Taliban in the 1990s and the failed U.S. invasion that began in 2001. But this past year was the one that broke him, he said.

In 2019, Agha made roughly \$9,300. In 2020: about \$620, although then he was still able to keep a cheerful demeanor despite the violent Taliban offensive that tore through his orchard. This year, Agha, surveying just two mounds of pomegranates, spoke defeatedly. That was his entire harvest, he said, and next year there will probably be poppy stalks in a portion of this orchard.

“We have been left in misery by all,” Agha said.

Six members of his family were killed during the fighting in the months since the

last harvest.

For many years, opium brought lower profits than pomegranates per hectare, but what it does offer is financial security. Opium can keep for longer and needs far less irrigation than pomegranates. And selling and distributing the illicit substance often relies on a network of smugglers inside the country, so closed borders are no longer a problem.

“Farmers are rational actors,” said David Mansfield, an expert on illicit economies. “They can see the increased risks of continuing to cultivate pomegranate.”

At another time, the decision to replace portions of his pomegranate orchard may have been unthinkable. But in recent years, Omar had lost thousands of dollars on overhead, such as fuel for his irrigation pumps and field-hand salaries, without a return on those invest-

ments.

Enter the Taliban and poppy. The insurgents-turned-rulers have had a complicated relationship with the crop. During their first regime, the Taliban made several half-hearted attempts to restrict opium before altogether banning its cultivation on religious grounds in the late 1990s and in 2000. But after they were toppled by the United States, the Taliban dove into the industry, using the illicit profits to fund their insurgency against the most powerful military in the world.

The Taliban in Arghandab district have given farmers a pass to grow the crop given the hardships of the past few seasons, residents say. A few seasons of poppy growth might yield a lower than expected return, explained Hamid, the farmer who destroyed his orchard. But if the country’s Taliban rulers again clamp down, it will be a cash windfall as supplies dwindle.

Though the Taliban indicated a desire to ban production of the drug after the group took power in August, in a recent interview, Taliban spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid said that there was no plan to stop or eradicate poppy cultivation.

“Our people are going through economic crisis, and stopping people from their only means of income is not a good idea,” Mujahid said, adding that the Taliban were encouraging farmers to “find alternatives.”

Poppy growth in Afghanistan has steadily increased in past years despite the billions of dollars spent by the United States and others on counternarcotics efforts. The total area under poppy cultivation in Afghanistan was estimated at almost 900 square miles in 2020, a 37% increase from 2019, according to a U.N. report.

“It is shameful, we know, but we are compelled. What else can we do?” Omar said. “Everyone is cutting trees.”



Authorities inspect the scene of a fiery bus crash that killed 45 people on a highway near the village of Bosnek in western Bulgaria. MINKO CHERNEV/BTA AGENCY BULGARIA

‘Horrifying’ bus crash kills dozens of tourists in Bulgaria

By Veselin Toshkov and Stephen McGrath
Associated Press

SOFIA, Bulgaria — A bus carrying tourists back to North Macedonia crashed and caught fire in western Bulgaria early Tuesday, killing at least 45 people, including a dozen children, authorities said. DNA tests were being carried out to identify the victims.

The bus apparently ripped through a guardrail on a highway, though authorities said the cause was still under investigation. Photos taken shortly after the crash showed the vehicle engulfed in flames as plumes of thick, black smoke rose. Daylight revealed a burned-out shell with all of its windows blown out. A portion of the guardrail was in the road.

Seven survivors were hospitalized after the crash, which took place as a group of buses was turning from a trip to Turkey. Twelve children were among the dead, according to the North Macedonia chief prosecutor, Ljubomir Joveski.

Bulgarian Interior Minister Boyko Rashkov told

reporters at the crash site that he had “never in my life seen something more horrifying” and that the identification process would take time.

“The people who were on the bus are turned to charcoal,” he said. “There were four buses that traveled together, and it is possible that passengers changed buses during the stops.”

Borislav Sarafov, chief of Bulgaria’s national investigation service, confirmed that 52 people were on the bus that crashed.

Among the survivors were five North Macedonia citizens, one Serb and one Belgian, according to North Macedonia’s Foreign Ministry. Albanian Foreign Minister Olta Xhaka said almost all of the dead were ethnic Albanians, but it was not clear if they were also citizens of North Macedonia.

Blagoj Bocvarski, North Macedonia’s transport minister, said in the capital of Skopje late Tuesday that officials have started to revoke the transportation license of the travel company that owns the bus. He said the company has four buses licensed to carry passengers internationally,

but for the bus involved in the accident “there was no record in the ministry that it possessed the license.”

News of the crash hit hard in the small Balkan country of 2 million people. The North Macedonia government observed a minute of silence Tuesday and declared three days of mourning. Flags will be lowered to half-staff, and all public events will be canceled. The country’s prime minister traveled to Bulgaria, as did its chief prosecutor, who visited the crash site.

Azem Sadiki, mayor of Studenicani municipality near Skopje, said 20 of the crash victims were local residents. He said the dead included a mother and her four children as well as the woman’s sister and her two children.

“This is a huge loss for us all, and the whole country,” Sadiki said.

The Bulgarian government declared Wednesday a national day of mourning for the victims. The occasion will also mark the deaths of nine people who died in a nursing home fire Monday in the eastern Bulgarian village of Royak.

\$25M awarded in damages for Unite the Right violence

By Denise Lavoie
Associated Press

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. — A jury ordered white nationalist leaders and organizations to pay more than \$25 million in damages Tuesday over violence that erupted during the deadly 2017 Unite the Right rally in Charlottesville.

After a nearly monthlong civil trial, the jury in U.S. District Court deadlocked on two key claims but found the white nationalists liable on four other counts in the lawsuit filed by nine people who suffered physical or emotional injuries during the two days of demonstrations.

Attorney Roberta Kaplan said the plaintiffs’ lawyers plan to refile the suit so a new jury can decide the two claims this jury could not reach a verdict on. She called the amount of damages awarded from the others counts “eye opening.”

“That sends a loud message,” Kaplan said.

The verdict, though mixed, is a rebuke to the white nationalist movement, particularly for the two dozen individuals and organizations who were accused in a federal lawsuit of orchestrating violence against African Americans, Jews and others in a meticulously planned conspiracy.

White nationalist leader Richard Spencer vowed to appeal, saying the “entire theory of that verdict is fundamentally flawed.”

He said plaintiffs’ attorneys made it clear before the trial that they wanted to use the case to bankrupt him and other defendants.

Lawyers for the plaintiffs invoked a 150-year-old law passed after the Civil War to shield freed slaves from violence and protect their civil rights. Commonly known as the Ku Klux Klan Act, the law contains a rarely used provision that allows private citizens to



People clash during the Unite the Right rally in Charlottesville, Virginia. A jury on Tuesday ordered white nationalists to pay over \$25 million in damages. STEVE HELBER/AP 2017

sue other citizens for civil rights violations.

Hundreds of white nationalists descended on Charlottesville for the Unite the Right rally on Aug. 11 and 12, 2017, ostensibly to protest city plans to remove a statue of Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee. During a march on the University of Virginia campus, white nationalists chanted “Jews will not replace us,” surrounded counter-protesters and threw tiki torches at them. The following day, an avowed admirer of Adolf Hitler rammed his car into a crowd of counter-protesters, killing one woman and injuring dozens more.

Then-President Donald Trump touched off a political firestorm when he failed to immediately denounce the white nationalists, saying there were “very fine people on both sides.”

The driver of the car, James Alex Fields Jr., is serving life in prison for murder and hate crimes. Fields is one of 24 defendants named in the lawsuit funded by Integrity First for America, a nonprofit civil rights organization formed in response to the violence in Charlottesville.

The lawsuit accused some of the country’s most well-known white national-

ists of plotting the violence, including Jason Kessler, the rally’s main organizer; Spencer, who coined the term “alt-right” to describe a loosely connected band of white nationalists, neo-Nazis and others; and Christopher Cantwell, a white supremacist who became known as the “crying Nazi” for posting a tearful video when a warrant was issued for his arrest on assault charges for using pepper spray against counterdemonstrators.

The trial featured emotional testimony from people struck by Fields’ car or who witnessed the attacks as well as plaintiffs who were beaten or subjected to racist taunts.

During their testimony, some of the defendants used racial epithets and defiantly expressed their support for white supremacy. They also blamed one another and the anti-fascist political movement known as antifa for the violence that erupted that weekend. Lawyers for the plaintiffs showed the jury a vast collection of chat room exchanges, text messages and social media postings by the defendants to demonstrate the extent of their communications before the rally and try to prove their claim that they planned the violence.

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NEWS BRIEFING

Oath Keepers, Proud Boys subpoenaed by Jan. 6 House panel

From news services

WASHINGTON — The House committee investigating the Jan. 6 U.S. Capitol insurrection issued more subpoenas Tuesday, this time to extremist organizations, including the Proud Boys and the Oath Keepers as well as their leaders, in an attempt to uncover the plotting and execution of the deadly attack.

The subpoenas are the latest in a wide net the House panel has cast in an effort to investigate the riot, when supporters of former President Donald Trump, fueled by his false claims of a stolen election, assaulted police and smashed their way into the Capitol to interrupt the certification of Democrat Joe Biden's victory.

The latest subpoenas were issued to the Oath Keepers, the Proud Boys and 1st Amendment Praetorian organizations as well as their members, requesting documents and testimony.

Henry "Enrique" Tarrío, chairman of the Proud Boys, was among those subpoenaed. He hasn't been charged in the riot as he wasn't there on Jan. 6. He'd been arrested in an unrelated vandalism case as he arrived in Washington two days earlier and was ordered out of the area by a judge. Law enforcement later said Tarrío was picked up in part to help quell potential violence.

More than 30 Proud Boys leaders, members or associates are among those who have been charged in connection with the attack.

The committee also subpoenaed the Oath Keepers, a militia group founded in 2009, and its founder and leader Elmer Stewart Rhodes. The panel says Rhodes may have suggested members should engage in violence to ensure their

preferred election outcome and that he was in contact with several of the more than a dozen indicted Oath Keepers members before, during and after the Capitol attack, including meeting some of them outside the Capitol.

The last organization on the committee's list Tuesday was the 1st Amendment Praetorian, founded by a QAnon believer, which claims to provide free security for "patriotic and religious events across the country."

Its chairman, Robert Patrick Lewis, is wanted by the committee after being listed as a speaker on the permit for a Jan. 5 rally on Freedom Plaza in downtown Washington.

French PM stricken: After testing positive for COVID-19, France's prime minister is being singled out on social media and beyond as an example of what not to do in the pandemic.

Videos are circulating of a maskless Prime Minister Jean Castex vigorously shaking hands with elected officials in an enclosed space at a Paris mayoral congress on Nov. 16. Many people are pointing out that goes against France's official stance that everyone should keep taking preventative measures, especially as infections surge.

They also noted that the 56-year-old Castex, who tested positive Monday, had called the French Caribbean territory of Guadeloupe "irresponsible" in the enforcement of COVID-19 measures when he did not abide by the rules himself.

The prime minister's office said the issue was being exploited for political ends and that he "tries to respect the rules as much as possible."

Castex's office says the



Alyse Lawrence, a 12-year-old volunteer with the Denver Rescue Mission, carries a frozen turkey that will be part of a Thanksgiving Day banquet box Tuesday outside Empower Field at Mile High in Denver. The NFL's Broncos joined forces with the mission to distribute 3,000 Thanksgiving Day food boxes to individuals and families in need. **DAVID ZALUBOWSKI/AP**

56-year-old prime minister tested positive after his 11-year-old daughter contracted the virus, and he is self-isolating for 10 days.

Ahmaud Arbery trial: The case of three white men charged with murder in the killing of Ahmaud Arbery went to the jury Tuesday after a trial in which prosecutors argued that the defendants provoked the fatal confrontation and defense attorneys insisted their clients acted in self-defense.

"You can't claim self-defense if you are the unjustified aggressor," Linda Dunikoski told jurors in her final statement. "Who started this? It wasn't Ahmaud Arbery."

After more than two weeks of testimony and closing arguments, the prosecution got the last word because it carries the burden of proving its case beyond a reasonable doubt.

Father and son Greg and Travis McMichael grabbed guns and pursued Arbery

in a pickup truck after spotting him running through their subdivision on Feb. 23, 2020. A neighbor, William "Roddie" Bryan, joined the chase and recorded the video of Travis McMichael opening fire as Arbery threw punches and grabbed for McMichael's shotgun.

All three men are charged with murder and other offenses.

Apple sues Israeli group: Tech giant Apple announced Tuesday it is suing Israel's NSO Group, seeking to block the world's most infamous hacker-for-hire company from breaking into Apple's products, like the iPhone.

Apple said in a complaint filed in federal court in California that NSO Group employees are "amoral 21st century mercenaries who have created highly sophisticated cyber-surveillance machinery that invites routine and flagrant abuse." Apple said NSO Group's spyware, called Pegasus, had been used to attack a small number of Apple customers

worldwide.

NSO Group has broadly denied wrongdoing and said its products have been used by governments to save lives.

Security researchers have found Pegasus being used around the world to break into the phones of human rights activists, journalists and even members of the Catholic clergy.

Student slaying: The only person convicted in the 2007 murder of British student Meredith Kercher was freed Tuesday after serving most of his 16-year prison sentence, his lawyer said.

Attorney Fabrizio Ballarini said Rudy Guede's planned Jan. 4 release had been moved up and he was freed on Tuesday.

The 2007 case gained international notoriety after Kercher's American roommate, Amanda Knox, and Knox's then-boyfriend were placed under suspicion. Both were initially convicted, but Italy's highest court threw out the convictions in 2015.

'Progress' in Ethiopia: A United States envoy said Tuesday he sees "nascent progress" in talks with Ethiopia's warring sides toward a cease-fire, but he fears it will be outpaced by "alarming" military developments in the yearlong war in Africa's second-most populous country.

Jeffrey Feltman spoke to reporters after his latest visit to Ethiopia, where rival Tigray forces continue pushing toward the capital, Addis Ababa, and a growing number of countries tell their citizens to leave immediately.

Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed on Monday announced he will lead "from the battlefield" in a war that is estimated to have killed tens of thousands of people.

Feltman said the warring sides are now talking about elements they expect to see on the table in talks, but "the tragedy is" that while the elements are similar, views differ on which to tackle first.

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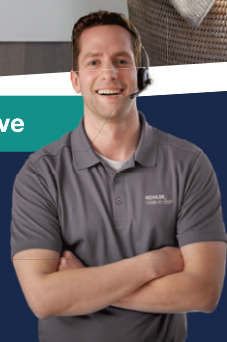
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BUSINESS

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LA mall latest to be hit by smash-and-grab thieves

Survey: Stores seeing increase in organized thefts, perpetrators more aggressive

By Eugene Garcia and Olga R. Rodriguez
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — A group of thieves smashed windows at department store at a luxury mall in Los Angeles, triggering a police pursuit just days after others targeted high-end stores in Beverly Hills and throughout the San Francisco Bay Area.

The latest incident in a national trend of smash-and-grab crimes targeted a Nordstrom store at The Grove retail and entertainment complex. It came as the country's largest consumer electronics chain said that an increase in organized theft was taking a toll on its bottom line. The LA group struck around 10:40 p.m. Monday, said Officer Drake Madison, a Los Angeles Police Department spokesman. Officers pursued an SUV involved in the crime and the chase ended with three people taken into custody, he said. The number of people involved in the crime was not known, Madison said.

In the Bay Area, groups of thieves, some carrying crowbars and hammers, smashed

glass cases and window displays and ransacked high-end stores, stealing jewelry, sunglasses, suitcases and other merchandise before fleeing in waiting cars.

The thefts are believed to be part of sophisticated criminal networks that recruit mainly young people to steal merchandise in stores throughout the country and then sell it in online marketplaces. Experts and law enforcement officials say the thefts are ratcheting up as the holiday shopping season gets underway.

The National Retail Federation said a recent survey found stores are seeing an increase in organized thefts and perpetrators being more aggressive. The electronics chain Best Buy on Tuesday cited organized theft as one of the reasons for a decline in gross profit margin in the third quarter.

"We are definitely seeing more and more particularly organized retail crime and incidents of shrink in our locations," Best Buy CEO Corie Barry told analysts during a conference call Tuesday. "This is a real issue that hurts and scares real people."

The flash mobs are usually organized

by local people who recruit their crews and send them to steal specific merchandise requested by criminal organizations throughout the country, said Ben Dugan, president of the Coalition of Law Enforcement and Retail.

Those who do the stealing get paid between \$500 and \$1,000 to take as much as they can and bring it back to organizers who ship it to other parts of the country.

Some people were also armed with guns in nearly all the weekend robberies.

"We're not talking about someone who needs money or needs food. These are people who go out and do this is for high profit, and for the thrill," said Ben Dugan, president of the Coalition of Law Enforcement and Retail.

California Gov. Gavin Newsom said Monday that his office met with retailers over the weekend who asked for more police patrols. He said increased enforcement would start immediately "in and around areas that are highly trafficked and coming into the holiday season Black Friday in shopping malls."

US: Sugar merger bad for market, sues to halt

By Michael Balsamo
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Justice Department filed a lawsuit Tuesday seeking to block a major U.S. sugar manufacturer from acquiring its rival, arguing that allowing the deal would harm competition and consumers.

The suit was filed in federal court in Delaware.

It comes about eight months after U.S. Sugar announced it reached an agreement to acquire the Imperial Sugar Co., one of the largest sugar refiners in the nation.

The lawsuit is the latest example of the Justice Department's approach to aggressive enforcement of federal antitrust law that officials say is aimed at ensuring a fair and competitive market.

It comes months after President Joe Biden signed an executive order that called on the Justice Department and Federal Trade Commission to vigorously enforce antitrust statutes and promote market competition.

"Robust antitrust enforcement is an essential pillar of the Justice Department's commitment to ensuring economic opportunity and fairness for all," Attorney General Merrick Garland said in a statement.

U.S. Sugar said it plans to fight the lawsuit. It argued that the acquisition will increase production and distribution of refined sugar, provide a more secure supply and would not result in higher prices.

The Justice Department disagreed.

It said the proposed acquisition would "further consolidate an already concentrated market for refined sugar."

It would cut down on competition, leaving only the new consolidated company and one other major sugar company selling a significant share of refined sugar in the southeastern U.S., the Justice Department contends.



Pedestrians pose for photos Nov. 15 in Times Square in New York, where business owners say tourists are starting to return. SETH WENIG/AP

Times Square regaining luster

While tourists have started returning to NYC, numbers aren't what they used to be

By Bobby Caina Calvan
Associated Press

NEW YORK — David Cohen has been yearning for a return to the days when business boomed at his family's souvenir shop in Times Square.

While tourists have begun returning, foot traffic into Grand Slam souvenirs is still not what it was before the coronavirus pandemic, when hordes of global visitors crowded under the canopy of electric billboards just outside his door.

But the return of foreign tourists to a place popularly called the crossroads of the world may help hasten recovery for businesses like his — many of them mom-and-pop shops — that collectively employ thousands of people and serve as one of New York City's most important economic engines.

"We welcome them back with open arms," Cohen said after the U.S. began allowing vaccinated international travelers into the country this month. "We've got a long way to go."

Times Square has long stood as an emblem of New York's hustle and bustle. But as Broadway theaters shut their doors and the city became an early epicenter of the global pandemic, 9 in 10 businesses in the area closed, according to a district civic group, The Times Square Alliance.

"We really were a symbol to the world of the pandemic and the pause," said Tom Harris, the alliance's president.

Three-fourths of area businesses have since reopened, bit by bit, as Broadway shows began reopening to vaccinated-only audiences.

Among those hopefully restarting are businesses that don't cater directly to tourists, but are part of the city's entertainment ecosystem.

Sam Vasili's Shoe Repair reopened last month across 51st Street from the Gershwin Theater, where it had operated for three decades before a long pandemic closure.

Owner Sam Smolyar was all grins on a recent afternoon as he shared the news that a Broadway production set to reopen nearby had requisitioned his help. For years, he helped outfit the Rockettes with custom-fitted boots. "We rely on the theater, and on the businesses around here," he said.

He hopes more people buying tickets on

Broadway will mean busier times.

"It starts to get better," said Vasili, who employs three people at the shop.

Just before the COVID-19 outbreak, New York City was posting record numbers of tourists — 66.6 million in 2019, including 13.5 million from outside the U.S. Then the pandemic prompted severe restrictions on foreign travel.

A marketing blitz has been underway for months to remind Americans that New York City is again open for business and ready for the visiting masses. Now the city is expanding its outreach to those outside the U.S., who are especially coveted because they spend more time and more money during their visits.

While domestic travel accounted for 80% of visitors, foreign tourists account for about half of the city's tourism spending and typically represent half of all hotel bookings.

NYC & Company, the city's tourism agency, is spending millions of dollars overseas to draw tourists back. It projects 2.8 million foreign visitors by the end of the year, a sliver of the 13.5 million who visited in 2019. With borders reopened, officials hope the number of visitors will steadily rise over the next few years and again reach record levels within the next four years.

BUSINESS BRIEFING

Apple, Amazon face \$225M fines

ROME — Italy's antitrust watchdog has fined Apple and Amazon a total of more than \$225 million for cooperating to restrict competition in the sale of Apple and Beats branded products in violation of European Union rules.

An investigation found that provisions in a 2018 agreement between the U.S. tech giants limited access to Italy's Amazon marketplace to selected resellers, the Italian Competition Authority said Tuesday.

The watchdog slapped Apple with a \$151.32 million fine and Amazon with a \$77.29 million penalty. It also ordered them to end the restrictions and give resellers access in a "non-discriminatory manner."

Both Apple and Amazon said they would appeal.

Trans workers drop complaint

LOS ANGELES — Two former Netflix employees who criticized anti-transgender comments on Dave Chappelle's TV special that first aired Oct. 1 are dropping labor complaints and one has resigned from the company, it was announced Monday.

Terra Field, a senior software engineer who is trans, announced that Field had voluntarily resigned as of Sunday.

Field was suspended by the company after attending a business meeting for senior executives but was quickly reinstated.

Field and B. Pagels-Minor, a game launch operations program manager who also is trans, filed a complaint with the National Labor Relations Board alleging Netflix retaliated against the workers to keep them from speaking up about working conditions.

Kellogg's to replace some striking workers

By Josh Funk
Associated Press

OMAHA, Neb. — Kellogg's plans to start hiring permanent replacements for some of its 1,400 striking cereal plant workers after negotiations broke down again.

The Battle Creek, Michigan-based company said it failed to reach an agreement with the Bakery, Confectionery, Tobacco Workers and Grain Millers International Union on Monday, so it is moving forward with its plan to keep its plants operating with salaried employees and outside workers.

The Kellogg's workers have been on strike since Oct. 5, and now they will have to continue picketing through Thanksgiving

because the negotiations aren't scheduled to resume until the week of Dec. 6.

"We recognize the hardship that this prolonged strike represents for our employees," the company said in a statement. "After 15 negotiations sessions in 2021 — and no proposals put to membership for a vote — we are left with no choice but to best serve the short- and long-term interests of our customers and consumers by moving to the next phase of our contingency plans."

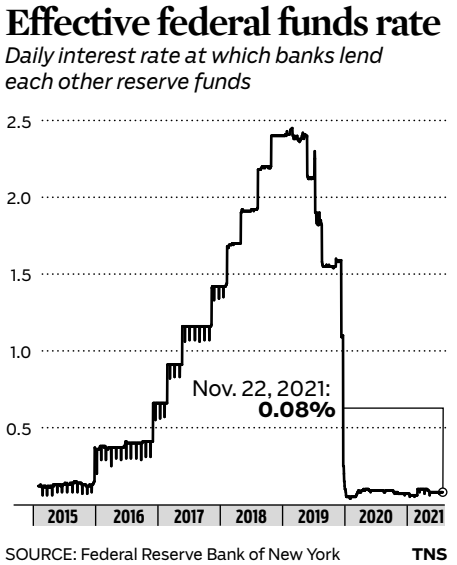
The union and the company are struggling to reach an agreement over how to address the two-tiered system of wages Kellogg's uses that gives newer workers less pay and fewer benefits. The company said it proposed a plan for workers to move up to the higher legacy pay level after four years

of experience, but the union hasn't been satisfied with what the company offered. Currently, as much as 30% of the workforce at the plants receives those lower wages, creating a wedge within the union's ranks.

The Kellogg's strike includes four plants in Battle Creek; Omaha, Nebraska; Lancaster, Pennsylvania; and Memphis, Tennessee, that make all of Kellogg's brands of cereal.

The has company complained that striking workers in Omaha were blocking entrances to its cereal plant and intimidating replacement workers, but union officials denied any wrongdoing.

Union members believe they deserve more after working long hours during the pandemic over the last 18 months.



BUSINESS



An avatar of El Salvador President Nayib Bukele is projected during the closing ceremony of a gathering for cryptocurrency investors Saturday. **SALVADOR MELENDEZ/AP**

In El Salvador, plans made for ‘Bitcoin City’ at volcano’s base

By David Barraza
Associated Press

LA LIBERTAD, El Salvador — In a rock concert-like atmosphere, El Salvador President Nayib Bukele announced that his government will build an ocean-side “Bitcoin City” at the base of a volcano.

Bukele used a gathering of Bitcoin enthusiasts last week to launch his latest idea, much as he used an earlier Bitcoin conference in Miami to announce in a video message that El Salvador would be the first country to make the cryptocurrency legal tender.

A bond offering would happen in 2022 entirely in Bitcoin, Bukele said. And 60 days after financing was ready, construction would begin.

The city will be built near the Conchagua volcano to take advantage of geothermal energy to power both the city and Bitcoin mining — the energy-intensive solving of complex mathematical calculations day and night to verify currency transactions.

The government is already running a pilot Bitcoin mining venture at

another geothermal power plant beside the Tecapa volcano.

The government will provide land and infrastructure and work to attract investors.

The only tax collected there will be the value-added tax, half of which will be used to pay the municipal bonds and the rest for municipal infrastructure and maintenance. Bukele said there would be no property, income or municipal taxes, and the city would have zero carbon dioxide emissions.

The city would be built with attracting foreign investment in mind.

“Invest here and earn all the money you want,” Bukele told the cheering crowd in English at the closing of the Latin American Bitcoin and Blockchain Conference being held in El Salvador.

Bitcoin has been legal tender alongside the U.S. dollar since Sept. 7.

The government is backing Bitcoin with a \$150 million fund. To incentivize Salvadorans to use it, the government offered \$30 worth of credit to those using its digital wallet.

Critics have warned that the currency’s lack of transparency could attract increased criminal activity to the country and that the digital currency’s wild swings in value would pose a risk to those holding it.

Bitcoin was originally created to operate outside government controlled financial systems, and Bukele said it will help attract foreign investment to El Salvador and make it cheaper for Salvadorans living abroad to send money home to their families.

Concern among the Salvadoran opposition and outside observers has grown this year as Bukele has moved to consolidate power.

Voters gave the highly popular president’s party control of the congress earlier this year. The new lawmakers immediately replaced the members of the constitutional chamber of the Supreme Court and the attorney general, leaving Bukele’s party firmly in control of the other branches of government.

The U.S. then said it would shift aid from government agencies to civil society organizations.

New hurdle for COVID-19 home testing — the holidays

By Matthew Perrone
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Millions more home tests for COVID-19 are hitting store shelves, but will there be enough for Americans hoping to screen themselves before holiday gatherings?

Gone are last year’s long lines to get tested, thanks to nearly a year of vaccinations, increased testing supplies and quicker options. But with many Americans unvaccinated and reports of infections among those who’ve gotten the shots, some are looking to home tests for an extra layer of protection ahead of this year’s festivities.

Janis Alpine, of Seattle, is getting together with seven relatives for Thanksgiving, including her 97-year-old father. While everyone is vaccinated, she plans to bring enough Abbott rapid tests for them to use.

“I’m just used to testing now,” said Alpine, who is retired. “Even though he’s vaccinated, just getting a little bit sick is probably not the best thing for a 97-year-old.”

She began testing herself regularly in September after flights to Las Vegas and the East Coast for vacation. Because local pharmacies sometimes sell out of tests, she usually buys five packs at a time when she finds them.

After weeks of shortages, chains like CVS and Walgreens now say they have ample supplies and recently lifted limits on how many can be purchased at one time. The shift comes after test makers ramped up production, spurred by more than \$3 billion in new purchasing contracts and assistance from the government. Home tests are typically more than \$10 each and take about 15 minutes.

Despite the improving picture, health experts warn that a winter surge could easily overwhelm supplies, especially if holi-



Boxes of BinaXNow home COVID-19 tests made by Abbott are shown for sale Nov. 15 at a CVS store in Lakewood, Wash., about 40 miles south of Seattle. **TED S. WARREN/AP**

day gatherings and colder weather continue sparking new outbreaks across the country. And, they note, the U.S. is still far from having the kind of cheap or free widespread testing seen in some European countries that were early adopters of the technology.

“Unfortunately, we’re still going to be playing catch-up until next year or until demand subsides,” said Neil Sehgal, a health policy specialist at the University of Maryland.

White House officials say the U.S. is on pace to have about 200 million home tests per month by December, quadrupling the number from this summer. Still, spot shortages continue, particularly in cities and suburban communities with higher rates of testing.




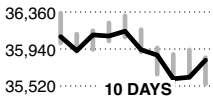
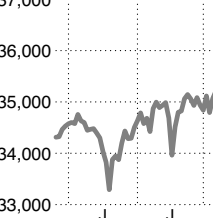
Market leader Abbott says it is back to producing 50 million of its BinaXNow tests per month, after slashing production last summer when testing demand plummeted. Only a few home tests are widely available nationwide with new ones set to launch, including from Acon Laboratories.

Much of the upcoming supply won’t be available at places like CVS, Walmart and Target. Bulk purchases by federal and state offi-

cials will be distributed to community health centers, nursing homes, schools and other government facilities.

Large employers and private universities are also buying up millions of tests. Under the Biden administration’s vaccine mandate for large employers, workers who haven’t been vaccinated are supposed to get tested weekly starting in January. Under pressure from the Biden administration, the Food and Drug Administration has been clearing home tests at a faster pace, authorizing four of the 13 tests now available in the past two months. In an unusual move, the White House recently announced that the National Institutes of Health will help vet the most promising ones. But it will take time for companies to make and distribute the tests.

Countries such as Britain distribute billions of tests for free and recommend testing twice a week. If the U.S. took that approach for everyone 12 and older, it would need 2.3 billion tests per month, researchers with the nonprofit Kaiser Family Foundation noted in a recent report. That’s more than seven times the 300 million monthly tests officials are hoping the country will have by February.

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	Frankfurt 15,937.00	-178.69	-1.11% +16.17%
	London 7,266.69	+11.23	+1.5% +12.48%
	Hong Kong 24,651.58	-299.76	-1.20% -9.47%
	Nikkei 29,774.11	+28.24	+1.0% +8.49%

Stocks of Local Interest				
STOCK (TICKER)	CLOSE	CHG.	YTD %CHG	
AMC Entertainment A (AMC)	39.16	-2.08	+1747.2	
AT&T Inc (T)	24.76	+0.06	-13.9	
Adv Micro Dev (AMD)	149.92	-2.60	+63.5	
American Airlines Gp (AAL)	19.47	-.16	+23.5	
Amphenol Corp (APH)	84.80	+.54	...	
Apple Inc (AAPL)	161.41	+.39	+21.6	
Aptevo Therapeutics (APVO)	17.03	+10.55	-53.5	
Avangrid Inc (AGR)	52.01	+.33	+14.4	
Bank of America (BAC)	47.50	+1.22	+56.7	
Barnes Group (B)	46.72	-.76	-7.8	
Booking Holdings (BKNG)	2341.13	+44.00	+5.1	
Bristl Myr Sqb (BMY)	57.45	+.41	-7.4	
CVS Health Corp (CVS)	93.64	+.65	+37.1	
Carnival Corp (CCL)	20.15	-.18	-7.0	
Carrier Global Corp (CARR)	54.87	-1.54	+45.5	
Charter Commun (CHTR)	674.74	+6.42	+2.0	
Cigna Corp (CI)	213.24	+1.69	+2.4	
Cisco Syst (CSCO)	55.30	+.70	+23.6	
Comcast Corp A (CMCSA)	52.04	+.53	-7	
ContextLogic Inc (WISH)	3.97	-.13	-78.2	
Disney (DIS)	151.03	-3.13	-16.6	
EMCOR Group Inc (EME)	131.08	+.44	+43.3	
Ethan Allen (ETD)	24.13	-.29	+19.4	
Eversource Energy (ES)	85.20	+.52	-1.5	
Ford Motor (F)	20.20	-.28	+129.8	
FuelCell Energy (FCEL)	9.37	-.04	-16.1	
Gen Dynamics (GD)	200.29	+.93	+34.6	
Gen Electric (GE)	102.08	+1.04	+18.4	
Hartford Fn Sv (HIG)	72.50	+1.87	+48.0	
Honeywell Intl (HON)	216.00	-2.14	+1.6	
Horizon Tech Fin (HRZN)	16.98	+.01	+28.2	
Ideanomics Inc (IDEX)	1.46	-.24	-26.0	
Infosys Ltd (INFY)	22.89	+.12	+35.0	
Intel Corp (INTC)	49.10	-.73	-1.4	
Kaman (KAMN)	39.27	-.07	-31.3	
Keycorp (KEY)	23.97	+.34	+46.1	
Lincoln Natl Corp (LNC)	71.60	+1.15	+42.3	
Longeveron Inc (LGVN)	17.22	-10.98	+139.8	
Lucid Group Inc (LCID)	52.44	+1.32	+95.5	
MGM Resorts Intl (MGM)	42.51	-2.03	+34.9	
Magellan Health Inc (MGLN)	94.83	+.37	+14.5	
Meten Holding Group (METX)	.36	-.03	-82.1	
MetLife Inc (MET)	63.36	+.85	+35.0	
Micron Tech (MU)	85.41	+1.55	+13.6	
Microsoft Corp (MSFT)	337.68	-2.15	+51.8	
STOCK (TICKER)	CLOSE	CHG.	YTD %CHG	
Novartis AG (NVS)	82.67	+1.35	-12.5	
Nvidia Corporation (NVDA)	317.46	-2.10	+143.2	
Opendoor Technol (OPEN)	16.71	-1.64	-26.5	
Otis Worldwide Corp (OTIS)	83.81	-.39	+24.1	
Palantir Technol (PLTR)	20.59	-.06	-12.6	
Pasithea Therapeutic (KTTA)	5.60	+3.39	+57.3	
Peoples Utd Fncl (PBCT)	18.83	+.11	+45.6	
Petros Pharmaceutical (PTPI)	2.34	+1.01	-46.8	
Pfizer Inc (PFE)	51.08	-.12	+38.8	
Pitney Bowes (PBI)	7.44	-.08	+20.8	
Progenity Inc (PROG)	3.99	-.46	-24.9	
Prudential Fncl (PRU)	110.19	+2.71	+41.1	
Pub Svc Ent Gp (PEG)	64.20	+.76	+10.1	
Qualigen Therapeut (QLGN)	2.56	+1.31	-15.0	
Raytheon Technolog (RTX)	87.31	+.51	+22.1	
Rivian Automotive A (RIVN)	119.85	+1.74	+19.0	
Rogers Corp (ROG)	270.10	-.22	+73.9	
Roblox Corp (RBLX)	114.87	-5.35	+65.3	
SS&C Technologies (SSNC)	79.52	-.13	+9.3	
SoFi Technologies (SOFI)	17.81	-.94	-21.4	
Stanley Black & Deck (SWK)	189.50	+1.92	+6.1	
Starwood Prop Trust (STWD)	26.21	+.09	+35.8	
Sundial Growers Inc (SNDL)	.67	-.02	+41.8	
TAL Education Grp AD (TAL)	4.99	-.08	-93.0	
Terex Corp (TEX)	47.53	+.15	+36.2	
Tesla Inc (TSLA)	1109.03	-47.84	+57.2	
Tonix Pharma (TNXP)	.49	+.02	-27.7	
Travelers Cos (TRV)	160.26	+3.39	+14.2	
United Rentals (URI)	375.19	-1.76	+61.8	
UnitedHealth Group (UNH)	447.13	+9.59	+27.5	
Va (VLON)	7.30	+3.28	+37.5	
Virtus Invest (VRTS)	315.19	+1.32	+45.2	
Voya Financial (VOYA)	66.11	-.38	+12.4	
Webster Financial (WBS)	59.66	+1.79	+41.5	
Wells Fargo & Co (WFC)	51.40	+1.06	+70.3	
White Mtns Insur (WTM)	1056.10	+10.26	+5.5	
World Wrestling Ent (WWE)	52.50	+1.30	+9.3	
XPO Logistics Inc (XPO)	28.09	-.81	+12.6	
Xerox Holdings Corp (XRX)	20.19	+.31	-12.9	
Xpeng Inc ADR (XPEV)	51.30	+3.91	+19.8	
Zoom Vidio Comm Cl A (ZM)	206.64	-35.64	-38.7	
Zynga Inc (ZNGA)	6.39	-.05	-35.3	

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Black Friday deals not cutting it? Wait a few weeks

By Tara Lachapelle
Bloomberg Opinion

To snag some of this year's Black Friday deals, a car won't do you much good — try an ocean liner. Plenty of would-be holiday gifts are still at sea, caught up in a mess of global shipping delays. But shoppers who can't find what they're looking for this week may have another savings event to look forward to. Call it Black January.

Retailers including Nike Inc. and Victoria's Secret & Co. have struggled to get products from factories across the world in time for the most crowded shopping day of the year. Nike said in September that a typical 40-day journey for sneakers had stretched to 80 days, while 45% of Victoria's Secret's inventory is still delayed, including a quarter of its pajamas.

Not only that, but wage gains and an almost inexplicable level of consumer demand in the U.S. suggest that this year some companies can get away without heavy discounting. Others began their doorbusters weeks ago, so any 50%-off and buy-one-get-one signs on Thanksgiving weekend will land with less effect.

It's possible that the combination of later inventory arrivals and restrained promotional activity will leave stores better stocked toward the end of the shopping season. If so, the weeks following Christmas may bring discounts on winter items that retailers still need to move off their shelves. Red-and-green-plaid pajamas, furry boots and puffy coats start to lose their appeal come Jan. 1.

"Anything that is really seasonal that needs to sell before Dec. 25, we're confident that it will come in time," Martin Waters, chief executive of Victoria's Secret,



As Americans began their holiday shopping early this year in an effort to avoid shortages of some goods, U.S. retail sales surged 1.7% last month. **SPENCER PLATT/GETTY**

said last week. However, he added, "I do think stores will be more full of inventory in December — mid-December and late December — than the customer is used to seeing." Depending on when the company receives its orders, "we will need to be flexible with our pricing," said Tim Johnson, its chief financial officer.

Indeed, it may not be long before anything left over from the holidays winds up in the bargain bin. That means the financial impact of delayed goods may itself be delayed. Investors were nervous heading into third-quarter results that

retailers and consumer brands would see profit margins squeezed by the combination of higher freight, labor and raw-materials costs. But companies were able to raise prices enough to cover the impact. The pinch may instead come in the new year, as supply-chain pressures continue while an inventory backlog erodes retailers' pricing power.

Hasbro Inc., whose Nerf foam-dart guns are expected to be among the top toys this season, said that it's been able to ensure shelves will be stocked by spending more to expedite its items through the

clogged system. But it also has "aggressive advertising plans" to make sure the toys make their way into shopping bags. "It's very important that the consumer comes and takes away that product," Deborah Thomas, the toymaker's chief financial officer, said on its Oct. 26 earnings call.

While Black Friday is known for crowds, more actual purchasing is often done on Super Saturday, the Saturday before Christmas. This means retailers still have time to get delayed products out the door before the post-holiday price slashing. Even so, it's easy to imagine that stores could remain reasonably full in the new year.

"If you do have content that is on a boat right now that's going to miss Christmas, what do we do with that?" Jeff Gennette, chief executive of Macy's Inc., said on a call with analysts last week. "Do we cancel it? Do we hold it? Does the manufacturing partner hold it through a hoteling program?" He said Macy's wouldn't take anything Christmas-themed, but that it's working through what to do about more generic cold-weather products that could perhaps be offered in the first quarter. Victoria's Secret already had to cancel 10 million units of inventory — almost 5% of what it ordered in August — because it wouldn't arrive in time.

With the National Retail Federation predicting consumers will buy \$28.1 billion worth of gift cards, recipients would be wise to save them for a few weeks. The longer merchandise sits on shelves, the more likely they'll see a Black January bonanza.

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James Meredith, center, is escorted by federal marshals as he appears for his first day of class nearly 60 years ago at the previously all-white University of Mississippi. **AP1962**

Lessons from an appeals court packed with conservatives

By Carl P. Leubsdorf
The Dallas Morning News

In recent weeks, the federal court of appeals that includes Texas and two Deep South states has issued rulings in two cases that exemplify the extent of its conservative domination — and the continuing influence of former President Donald Trump.

In one, it allowed the controversial new Texas law that sharply restricts abortions to take temporary effect, despite questions about its constitutionality. In the second, it blocked the Biden administration's effort to mandate corporate anti-COVID shots, because of questions about its constitutionality.

In so doing, the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals showed the impact of several decades in which Republican presidents have named a majority of its judges, including 12 of the 17 currently active. At the same time, it provided a graphic illustration of the way the Republican Party's changing ideology has impacted the federal courts — and with that, national policy — especially at the appellate and Supreme Court levels.

Some 60 years ago, as a young Associated Press reporter in New Orleans, I covered the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals, whose jurisdiction in those days included three additional Southern states. It was likewise dominated by Republican nominees, six of its nine 1961 judges.

But where today's GOP nominees are pulling the 5th Circuit to the right, those

were pulling it the opposite way, especially on civil rights, the dominant issue before the panel in the decade after the Supreme Court banned public school segregation and Congress passed the first modern era civil rights laws.

President Dwight D. Eisenhower appointed five of those six GOP judges, and three played crucial roles in deciding an array of civil rights cases that protected the rights of African Americans, especially to vote and attend previously all-white educational institutions.

Three of those six, John Brown of Houston, John Minor Wisdom of New Orleans and Elbert Tuttle of Atlanta, received their judicial appointments after playing roles in Eisenhower's 1952 Republican Convention victory over his main GOP presidential rival, Sen. Robert Taft of Ohio.

All three were in the vanguard of GOP efforts to break the stranglehold of Democrats and segregationists on the so-called "Solid South" and became supporters of Eisenhower in what proved to be a very close nomination race.

Wisdom and Tuttle led challenges to credentials that resulted in seating Eisenhower delegates from Louisiana and Georgia over rival pro-Taft groups. Brown played a lesser role but was a member of the pro-Eisenhower faction in the Texas delegation and actively helped the World War II commander carry the state. Those delegate contests gave Eisenhower a narrow but decisive lead before a parade of switches clinched his nomination.

As judges, all three opposed delays in the Supreme Court's 1954 decision (also led by an Eisenhower nominee, Earl Warren) outlawing public school segregation.

The case I covered most closely was the 1962 appeal in which they played the decisive role in overturning a district judge's initial ruling and ordering the enrollment of a Black Air Force veteran, James Meredith, into the previously all-white University of Mississippi. But they also formed the majorities in many cases directing registrars in Southern states to stop practices barring Blacks from voting.

Joining the three Republicans in many of these rulings was the court's sole remaining Harry S. Truman nominee, Judge Richard Rives of Montgomery, Alabama. (Note: their story is told in Jack Bass' 1981 book, "Unlikely Heroes.")

During the Ole Miss desegregation case, the principal lawyer representing the state of Mississippi's effort to prevent Meredith's enrollment was Charles Clark, an impressive 36-year-old Jackson attorney. Bass noted his professionalism drew respect from the judges, even as they were rejecting his arguments.

Later, President Richard Nixon named Clark to the 5th Circuit bench, a symbol of the GOP's changing ideological makeup. (Another was his choice of G. Harrold Carswell, whose history of supporting segregation and making racist statements later led the Senate to reject his nomination to the Supreme Court.) In 1981, the court was divided. Louisiana and Missis-

sippi stayed with Texas in the 5th Circuit while Florida, Alabama and Georgia moved to the new 11th Circuit.

Though Republicans have held the White House for exactly half of the ensuing 40 years, they named 25 of the circuit's 32 judges, a combination of good timing and successful delays by Senate Republicans.

An impasse between President Barack Obama and the two Texas GOP senators, John Cornyn and Ted Cruz, kept Obama from filling vacancies after the retirements of Judge Emilio Garza, a George H.W. Bush appointee who took senior status in 2012, and Judge Carolyn Dineen King, a Jimmy Carter selectee who did so in 2013. Trump filled the vacancies with two strong conservatives, James Ho and Don Willett, and, supported by the Senate's GOP majority, ultimately filled six of the 17 seats.

Judge Ho, a former Cornyn aide and Justice Clarence Thomas clerk, was joined by Judge Catharina Haynes, a George W. Bush nominee, in allowing the Texas abortion law to remain in effect. Trump nominees Kyle Duncan and Kurt Englehardt and Judge Edith Jones, the court's last Ronald Reagan holdover, halted the Biden mandate order. In both cases, the final word will come from the Supreme Court, dominated by six GOP nominees including Trump's three. Trump may have lost the 2020 election, but his judicial legacy could last for several decades.

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NOTICE OF MEETING GREATER HARTFORD TRANSIT DISTRICT

Notice is hereby given that the Greater Hartford Transit District (the "District") will
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7:00 P.M. at the District's offices, One Union Place, Hartford, CT to consider the
Fiscal Year 2021 Proposed Final Budget and Fiscal Year 2022 Proposed Budget
Revision as follows:

	FY2021 ADOPTED BUDGET	FY21 FINAL BUDGET (Actual)	FY2022 ADOPTED BUDGET	FY2022 REVISED BUDGET
SPECIAL REVENUE FUND:				
REVENUES:				
ADA FARES	136000	58331	155000	155000
FED GRANTS	3209370	3484684	3911400	3911400
CTDOT GRANTS	20785035	20764295	26273440	21331576
LOCAL MATCH	282510	395678	32900	32900
TOTAL REVENUES	24412915	24702988	30372740	25430876
EXPENDITURES:				
PROF SVC	787385	728557	806300	806300
PROGRAM ADMIN	1734525	1634483	1643620	1643620
TRANSP PROJ	21891005	22339948	27922820	22980956
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	24412915	24702988	30372740	25430876
REV OVER EXPENDITURES	0	0	0	0

GENERAL FUND:				
REVENUES:				
INVESTMENT INCOME	94500	5017	29000	29000
MEMB TOWN CONTRB	95175	93215	95000	95000
SALE OF DISPOSED VEHICLES	52000	103075	85000	85000
FED GRANT	0	0	2000	2000
MISC. INCOME	1250	1477	0	0
TOTAL REVENUES	242925	202784	211000	211000
EXPENSES:				
PROF SVC	12000	14443	14000	14000
PROGM ADMIN & OTHER	44800	46125	34000	34000
TOTAL EXPENSES	56800	60568	48000	48000
REVENUES OVER EXPENSES	186125	142216	163000	163000

ENTERPRISE FUND:				
PARKING LOT:				
REVENUES:				
PARKING FEES	362300	63430	65000	65000
CTDOT GRANTS	0	1475	0	0
FED GRANTS	0	190324	53300	53300
TOTAL REVENUES	362300	255229	118300	118300
EXPENSES:				
PROF SVC	64000	52813	62000	62000
PROGM ADMIN & OVERHEAD	57100	52071	56300	56300
TOTAL EXPENSES	121100	104884	118300	118300
REVENUES OVER EXPENSES	241200	150345	0	0
TRANSPORTATION CENTER:				
REVENUES:				
RENTS	1104300	1075336	1092000	1096000
CONCESSIONS	27000	14934	24000	24000
CTDOT GRANTS	528900	288089	494040	494040
FED GRANTS	2115635	1227245	2034160	2034160
TOTAL REVENUES	3775835	2605604	3644200	3648200
EXPENDITURES:				
PROF SVC	30000	29943	30000	30000
PROGM ADMIN & OVERHEAD	1097600	955339	1031900	1031900
CAPITAL IMPROV	2644535	1428041	2470200	2470200
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	3772135	2413323	3532100	3532100
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Contractor Pre-Qualification for Upcoming Project

The Bushnell Center for the Performing Arts is requesting interested contractors to pre-qualify for an upcoming masonry repair and ADA accessibility project for the Capitol Avenue Steps at the Mortensen Theater (State of Connecticut Unit ID Number 166-2021) in compliance with all applicable local, federal, and state statutory requirements with special attention paid to requirements for the Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) and the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities (CHRO).

Contractor Pre-Qualification Details

Released: Monday, November 22nd, 2021

Project #: 166-2021
Project Name: Proposed Changes to Bushnell Theater Steps
Address: 166 Capitol Avenue
Hartford, CT 06106
Due Date: Wednesday, December 15th, 2021 by 4:00 PM

Professional Consultant: Phase Zero Design Corp
8 Wilcox Street
Simsbury, CT 06070
Contact Name: Hernan Pagan, AIA
E-mail: hpagan@phasezerodesign.com
Phone: (860) 264-1624
Fax: (860) 264-1628

Scope of Work: Remove and reinstall granite steps and brick pavers at the Capitol Avenue Entrance to the Mortensen Theater, including additional granite work, railings and sidewalk repair and replacement to provide accessible access. Additional work includes door hardware improvements. Work to be completed per Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) and State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) guidelines and requirements, and coordination with the City of Hartford Municipal Services.

Additional Documents: Contractor Pre-Qualification Documents and Requirements shall be made available upon request by contacting Phase Zero Design Corp as noted above.

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Contents to be sold on the premises of 53-71 Spencer St. Manchester, CT 06040 on Tuesday, November 30th, 2021 on Storageauctions.com and close out at 9:00AM.

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11/24, 11/25/21 7092946

Request for Quotation #02-2119

The State of Connecticut Judicial Branch invites qualified contractors to submit quotations to provide emergency services related to water damage remediation.

Quotations must be received by 11:30 A.M. on WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2021. Late bids will not be accepted.

VENDORS CURRENTLY REGISTERED UNDER THE STATE'S SMALL BUSINESS SET-ASIDE PROGRAM ARE ENCOURAGED TO BID.

Bid package may be obtained from the Judicial Branch Purchasing Services web site below.

www.jud.ct.gov/external/news/busopp/

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11/24/21 7092573

Extra Space Storage will hold a public auction to sell personal property described below belonging to those individuals listed below at the location indicated:

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860-357-6161
12/1/2021 at 12:00 PM
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Unit 496
Yvette Marin
curtains, bike boxes.
Unit 694
Debra Duquette
Furniture and household.
The auction will be listed and advertised on www.storageauctions.com Purchases must be made with cash only and paid at the above referenced facility in order to complete the transaction. Extra Space Storage may refuse any bid and may rescind any purchase up until the winning bidder takes possession of the personal property.
11/17, 11/24/21 7084833

Town of Berlin Request for Proposals Town-wide Streetlight Maintenance Bid # 2022-12

The Town of Berlin is seeking written proposals from light maintenance service vendors to maintain, and/or replace the Town's approximately 2,600 designated streetlights. The specific performed tasks will include routine and certain non-routine maintenance and/or or repair work as specified herein. This is a three-year (3) contract. For a firm to be considered for this engagement, one (1) original and two (2) copies of sealed proposals must be received in Room 120 of the Berlin Town Hall, 240 Kensington Rd, Berlin, CT 06037 by the date and time noted above. The Town will not accept submissions by e-mail or fax. The Town will reject proposals received after December 9, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.

The documents comprising the Request for Proposals may be obtained on the Town's website, www.town.berlin.ct.us, under "Departments, Purchasing, & Current Bids & RFPs", or from Maryssa Tsolis, Purchasing Agent, Berlin Town Hall, Room 110, 240 Kensington Rd, Berlin, CT 06037 during normal business hours. Each proposer is responsible for checking the Town's website to determine if the Town has issued any addenda and, if so, to complete its proposal in accordance with the RFP as modified by the addenda. The Town reserves the right to amend or terminate this Request for Proposals, accept all or any part of a proposal, reject all proposals, waive any informalities or non-material deficiencies in a proposal, and award the proposal to the proposer that, in the Town's judgment, will be in the Town's best interests. Maryssa Tsolis
Purchasing Agent
11/24/21 7092952

Request for Proposal #04-2112

The State of Connecticut Judicial Branch, Court Support Services Division, is seeking proposals from qualified organizations or individuals to provide training coordination services.

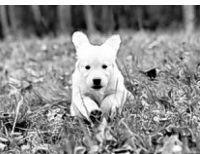
Proposals must be received before 2:30 PM. on TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2021. Late proposals will NOT be accepted.

RESPONDENTS CURRENTLY REGISTERED UNDER THE STATE'S SMALL BUSINESS SET-ASIDE PROGRAM ARE ENCOURAGED TO APPLY.

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CROMWELL Nicola Panaro	SOUTH WINDSOR William R. Osborne, Jr.
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* Denotes name listing only.
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OBITUARIES

Stanley-Haney, J. Lynn (Fredrick)

J. (Judith) Lynn (Fredrick) Stanley-Haney, age 81, of Storrs, CT passed away November 22, 2021, in her home from natural causes. Lynn is survived by her husband, Dr. John Haney; siblings, Leah Singer, Charles, and Michele Fredrick; children, Bethany Stanley-Kirschenbaum and David Kirschenbaum, Timothy Stanley and Leigh Frost, and Andrew and Tamar Stanley; and step-children John R. Haney and Jeffrey and Christine Haney. Lynn had eight grandchildren and was excited to welcome her first great-grandchild to the family earlier this year.

Lynn was born in March 1940 in Orange, New Jersey. She attended Middletown, New Jersey, public schools and then attended Hartford Hospital School of Nursing. After working as a nurse in Boston for several years, Lynn and her former husband, Dr. Irving Stanley, settled in Storrs, Connecticut, where they raised their three children. Lynn became an adult medicine Nurse Practitioner and worked for the University of Connecticut Infirmary for more than fifteen years. While at UCONN, Lynn worked closely with the University's Women's Health Clinic and co-developed and implemented a 24-hour sexual assault crisis service for students who were physically abused and sexually assaulted. She became Director of Nursing - Assistant Director of UCONN Student Health Services in 1982, a position she held until she retired from the state. Lynn began her second career practicing women's health as a Nurse Practitioner in private practice and school-based health clinics. Lynn also received her Master's in Psychology and Therapy from Goddard College and began co-authoring Protocols for Nurse Practitioners in Gynecologic Settings in 1982, a nationally recognized protocol manual. Demand was so great that Lynn and her colleagues continued to publish new editions for 23 years, finishing with the 11th edition in 2015. In the last phase of her career, Lynn specialized in psychiatric care in practice with her husband John until retirement and continued to support and work with several organizations that advocate for women and girls.

Lynn was a "Jersey Girl" turned faithful New Englander. She was a woman before her time who relished the opportunities to poke at authority and brush past the social boundaries of her era. She was independent, vibrant, energetic, whip-smart, and suffered no fools. Lynn was a fashion plate, an incredible hostess, and a steadfast friend.

Lynn parented her three children with a gentle touch, offering unfailing support. She guided them diligently and intentionally gave them exposure to many incredible things - especially in arts, literature, and academics - but she did it without pressure or prodding, trusting them to follow their interests, letting them make mistakes and find their path in life.

Lynn loved summer, the beach and her Jersey roots. While her children were growing up, there were annual trips to Cape Cod and the New Jersey beaches where she was most at home. As a grandmother, Lynn cherished hosting her children and grandchildren in Barneget Light, NJ, as an annual passage of summer. Lynn also grew to love the Maine woods and trips up to Moosehead Lake and other adventures with her loving husband, John. Whether enjoying the peace of an evening boat ride or just reading a book with the Loons calling in the distance, Maine was one of her favorite places to be.

In her final years, Lynn was self-deprecating and appreciative of the efforts of her husband, children, caregivers, and friends to make her life as fruitful as possible. Moreover, she was an excellent patient! She was never bitter and was always appreciative of her station in life.

Her family will receive relatives and friends on Friday, November 26, 2021 from 10:00am to 12:00pm at Potter Funeral Home, 456 Jackson St. Willimantic. Her funeral service will be Saturday, November 27, 2021 at 10:00am at the funeral home with burial to follow at Storrs Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, please consider gifts to the non-profits that Lynn supported: Altrusa International, Roots of Development, and Planned Parenthood of Southern New England. For an online memorial guestbook, visit www.potterfuneralhome.com

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OBITUARIES


Theroux, Robert R.

Robert R. Theroux, 91, formerly of Wellsville, NY, passed away peacefully November 22, 2021 in Bayberry Commons, Pascoag, surrounded by his family.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Friday, November 26, 2021 at 10AM in St. John the Evangelist Church, 63 Church St., Slatersville and may be viewed live online at <https://client.tribucast.com/tcid/7683756126> Arrangements are under the direction of the Holt Funeral Home, 510 South Main St., Woonsocket. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the SPCA-Allegany County, P.O. Box 181, Belmont, NY 14895 and online at spcaallegany.org or to the Alzheimer's Association at www.alz.org. For full obituary details please visit www.holtfuneralhome.com

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Mercey, Jr., Homer R.



Homer Roy Mercey, Jr., 85, of Windsor, loving husband of 67 years to Elizabeth "Betty" (Mayrand) Mercey, passed away peacefully on Sunday, November 21, 2021, with his family by his side. Homer was born on February 1, 1936, in Manchester, NH, son to the late Homer R. Mercey, Sr. and Doris (Lavigne) Mercey. Homer volunteered at the Hayden Station Fire Department in Windsor for many years during the 1970's. Homer drove trucks primarily in the construction industry throughout his career. His most recent employment was with Galasso Materials, LLC, in East Granby, before his retirement in 2000. In his spare time, Homer loved woodworking projects, crafting wells and constructing benches, some of which can still be found all over Connecticut. Homer was an avid banjo player and was very good at it. He enjoyed playing cards with his family and friends but most of all, he cherished the time he was able to spend with his grandchildren.


In addition to his wife, Homer is survived by his six children, Ann Mercey of Enfield, Homer Mercey, III, of Windsor, Donald Mercey of West Hartford, Ronald Mercey and his wife Anna of Windsor Locks, William Mercey of Ellington and Brian Mercey of Suffield; a daughter-in-law Gail Mercey of Tariffville; 14 grandchildren; 9 great-grandchildren; his sister Marjorie Morris of Stafford Springs as well as numerous nieces, nephews and extended family. Homer was predeceased by his parents; his daughter, Barbara Mercey and six siblings.

A time of visitation will be held on Friday, November 26, 2021, from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the Carmon Poquonock Funeral Home, 1816 Poquonock Ave. (Rte 75) in Windsor with a prayer service to begin at 11:00 a.m. at the funeral home. Burial with committal prayers will follow in Riverside Cemetery, Windsor. A special thank you to Dennis and Theresa for their care and compassion shown toward Homer over the past few years. To leave an online message of condolence for his family, please visit www.carmonfuneralhome.com.



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Eno, Carol Besse




Carol Besse Eno of Vineyard Haven, MA, passed away peacefully surrounded by her family on November 10, 2021, in her home on her beloved island of Martha's Vineyard. Born on March 6, 1946, in Ft. Lauderdale, FL to Arthur Lyman Besse and Virginia Weston of Weston, MA and Vineyard Haven, she grew up in Weston, MA and graduated from Weston High School. She received an undergraduate degree from the University of Hartford, and a master's degree in public finance, also from the University of Hartford.

She was predeceased by her beloved husband of 32 years, Jackson French Eno of Simsbury, CT. A dedicated professional, Carol spent her career at the Bank of Boston, Sanwa Bank and Chubb Insurance. She was no less civic-minded. She was involved in childcare and early education while in Wayland, MA; a founding member of the Tisbury Water Works on Martha's Vineyard, working toward the conservation of Tisbury's waterways; she was a founding member of the Simsbury Land Trust in Simsbury, CT, dedicated to land conservation there; and she was an active member of the League of Women Voters. As a long-time resident of Simsbury, CT, Carol served a two-year term as a Selectperson there.

While she spent a large portion of her life in the greater Boston and Simsbury areas, Martha's Vineyard was Carol's summer home throughout her life. Her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur D. Weston of Edgartown, MA, and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Lyman Besse of Oak Bluffs, MA were lifelong summer residents and retirees on the Island, and her parents, Virginia Weston Besse and Arthur L. Besse originally of Weston, MA met on the Vineyard and eventually retired in Vineyard Haven. Her mother, an accomplished sailor at Edgartown Yacht Club, won the Prosser Cup an extraordinary seven times and went on to win the Adams Cup (Women's National Championship). Carol grew up racing Vineyard 15s and Solings at the Vineyard Haven Yacht Club with her brother Stephen Besse and sister Anne Besse Shepherd, alongside many cousins, aunts, uncles, and friends.

Carol raised her five children to sail at the Vineyard Haven Yacht Club and was a board member there for many years. She was a long-term supporter of the junior sailing program and enjoyed sailing and racing with her children. She was also an avid supporter of the Vineyard Sound Soling Association and Soling Racing. Carol is survived by her five children: Sonya Stevens (Michael Watts) of Vineyard Haven, MA; William Stevens (Heather) of Ashburn, VA; Christopher Stevens (Linda) of Evanston, IL; Gregory Stevens (Tere) of Darien, CT; and Carolyn Eno (Jacob Hartman) of VT. Additionally, she is survived by three children from her marriage to her late husband Jackson Eno: Sean Eno (Kristen) of Hamden CT, Jackson Eno, Junior (Lindsay) of Westbrook, CT, and Elizabeth Eno (Michael Radvak) of Hamden, CT. She is also survived by seventeen grandchildren: Nicholas, Caelan, Ashtyn, and Charlotte Watts; Ryan and Gavin Stevens; Quinn and Andrew Stevens; Harrison and Ava Stevens; Marion and Willa Eno; Jackson and Isaiah Eno; Abigail Radvak; and Cayden and Grayson Hartman.

At Carol's request, a private burial was held at the Simsbury Cemetery, surrounded by her family. The Rev. Kevin Weikel officiated. The Carmon Funeral Home & Family Center of Avon is caring for the arrangements. In lieu of flowers please consider a donation to Sail MV, MV Hospice in Palliative care, or First Congregational Churches of West Tisbury, MA or Simsbury, CT. For condolences, please visit www.carmonfuneralhome.com



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Pignone, Sylvia Anne

Sylvia Anne (Frankl) Pignone, 91, of Wethersfield, loving wife for 60 years of the late Edward Pignone, passed away on Saturday (November 14th, 2021) at Jefferson House in Newington. She was born in Hartford on May 17, 1930, a daughter of the late Robert and Katherine (Schaefer) Frankl. Sylvia worked for the town of Wethersfield in the Town Managers Office. She was a volunteer librarian and was involved with the Wethersfield Senior Computer Learning Center as both a student and on occasion an instructor. She was also a longtime member of the Hartford Liederkrantz. Sylvia and Ed loved traveling, enjoying trips to Europe and throughout the Northeastern US, especially time on Cape Cod. Sylvia leaves behind two sons, Greg Pignone and Alan Pignone both of Newington, and a sister, Rosemarie Gerdo of Wethersfield. She also leaves many beloved cousins, nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her infant sister Rosemary Frankl. Sylvia's family would like to thank the nurses, aides, and staff at Jefferson House for their care and compassion towards Sylvia during her battle with cancer.

A Memorial Mass will be held on Saturday (November 27, 2021) at 10 AM in the St. Josephine Bakhita Parish at St. Elizabeth Seton Church, 280 Brook St. Rocky Hill. Burial will be private and at the convenience of the family in Rose Hill Memorial Park, Rocky Hill. Please Share online expressions of sympathy, memories, or photo tributes at www.rosehillfuneralhomes.com.

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Osborne Jr, William R




William R. "Ozzie" Osborne Jr., 94, of Murrells Inlet, SC, beloved husband for over 71 years of Elizabeth (Ferris) Osborne died unexpectedly on Monday November 15, 2021, at home. Ozzie was born in Concord, NH, on August 9, 1927, son of the late William R. Osborne Sr. and Julie (Shaw) Osborne. He grew up in New Hampshire. Ozzie served our country with the U.S. Navy Seabees during WWII. Upon returning from the war, he met and married the love of his life, Elizabeth on August 27, 1950. The moved to Connecticut in 1951 and settled in South Windsor. Ozzie went to work at Pratt & Whiney Aircraft in East Hartford, prior to opening Ozzie's Shell gas station. He later went to work for H.O. Penn and retired in 1993 after 25 years of service. Ozzie was a past member of Connecticut State Police Auxiliary, South Windsor Super Sixties Club, and the South Windsor Fire Department. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, and playing golf. A kind, caring, loving and devoted husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather, and friend to many he will be dearly missed. Along with his wife Elizabeth, he leaves his children, Gary Osborne and his wife Dinaura of NC, Gregory Osborne of AZ, Jan Richards of SC, and Judy Osborne-Murphy and her husband Craig of FL; eight grandchildren, Jason, Justin, Daniel, Kyle, Allison, Katie, Kelly, and Samantha; and seven great grandchildren. He was predeceased by his sister, Roberta Anderson and his grandson, Jonathan Osborne. His family will receive friends on Tuesday, November 30th, from 10-11 a.m.; followed by a funeral service at 11 a.m., in the chapel of the Samsel & Carmon Funeral Home, 419 Buckland Rd., South Windsor. Burial with Military Honors will follow at Wapping Cemetery. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made in Ozzie's memory to a charity of the donor's choice. For online condolences please visit www.carmonfuneralhome.com



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PANARO, Nicola



Nicola Panaro, 95, of Cromwell, formerly of Rocky Hill and Wethersfield, beloved husband of the late Edith (Petrone) Panaro, passed away peacefully, November 21, 2021, at home, surrounded by his family.

Nicola was born January 30, 1926 in Casal di Principe, Province of Caserta, Italy and was the son of the late Ernesto and Marianna (Puocci) Panaro.


Nicola grew up in Italy, proudly serving in the Italian Army and earning the rank of Sergeant. Nicola met and married Edith in 1959 and immediately thereafter immigrated to the United States, where they settled in Hartford, later moving to Wethersfield.

Nicola retired from the Birken Manufacturing Company after 32 years of dedicated service. In his younger days, Nicola enjoyed tending to his yard and garden, which was always meticulously kept. For many years, he was a duckpin bowler, every Wednesday night he shared stories and laughs with his friends, while bowling a few games. Nicola was a very active member of several of the local Italian Societies: Mt. Carmel/St. Cristina Society, Sons of Italy (Ella Grasso Lodge), Our Lady of Grace Society, Pratalona Society and the Canicattinese Society. Both he and Edith enjoyed everything these memberships had to offer, they regularly attended social functions hosted by these societies and were instrumental in the planning of several of their events. Nicola and Edith also enjoyed entertaining guests in their home and traveling with their many friends. After the passing of his beloved Edith, Nicola remained active, meeting his friends for their morning coffee and traveling to Florida during the winter. Nicola loved the beach and never missed an opportunity to sit seaside, whether he was on vacation or with his family on the Clinton shore. In addition to being a wonderful husband and father, Nicola was especially proud of being a grandfather. Papa was always there when it involved his granddaughters never missing anything, whether a school play, band concert, dance recital or graduation. Papa beamed with pride at their accomplishments and each one of them held a special place in his heart. Most recently, he danced a special song with his eldest granddaughter at her wedding.

Nicola lived a long and very good life; he will be remembered as a kind and gentle man. Sadly, he leaves his loving and devoted daughter Marianne Claudio and her husband Frank of Cromwell, his cherished granddaughters, Sabrina Musumeci and her husband Joe, Andrea Claudio and her fiancé Danny Jernigan and Juliana Claudio, they love their Papa and will miss him very much. Nicola leaves his brother, Otello Panaro (Mena), of Italy, along with several nieces, nephews, cousins and many friends.

In addition to his wife and parents, Nicola was predeceased by his siblings, Ersilia Palmese, Natalina Papaccio, Maria Andreozzi and Antonio Panaro. The family will receive relatives and friends on Sunday (November 28th) from 5 to 7 p.m. at the D'Esopo Funeral Chapel, 277 Folly Brook Boulevard, Wethersfield. The funeral procession will depart the funeral chapel at 9:30 a.m. on Monday (November 29th) for a Mass of Christian Burial at 10 a.m. at Christ the King Parish (Corpus Christi Church), 601 Silas Deane Highway, Wethersfield. Burial will follow at Rose Hill Memorial Park, Rocky Hill.

For online expressions of sympathy to the family, please visit www.desopofuneralchapel.com.



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Birman, Oscar

Oscar Birman of West Hartford Connecticut, and Toms River, New Jersey wonderful dad to Herbert and Zeyda (grandfather) to Norbert, Michal and Josef passed away peacefully on Tuesday November 23, 2021at Brandywine Living of Toms River, New Jersey.

He was born on October 12, 1927, the son of Ruhla and Josef Birman and was a survivor of the Romanian Holocaust. Oscar graduated in 1952 with a degree in Economics and Accounting from the University of Bucharest and after few years of teaching high school mathematics worked for many years as Chief Financial Officer of one of the largest government owned companies.

In 1980 he immigrated to the United States with his wife Miryam and settled in West Hartford where they were members of the Congregation Beth Israel. Oscar worked as Controller for several large businesses as well as a tax preparer until he retired few years ago at 90 years of age. He was pre-deceased by Miryam, his wonderful wife of 62 years and is survived by his son Herbert and grandchildren Norbert, Michal, and Josef. He was a great example for all of us and will be sorely missed. There will be a gravesite service on Wednesday November 24, 2021, at 2:00PM at the Beth Israel Cemetery, Avon. Shiva will be observed at Oscar's home. Weinstein Mortuary is in charge of arrangements.

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LeBlanc, Tracey (Hanlon)



Tracey (Hanlon) LeBlanc passed away suddenly on Nov 20, 2021. She was a resident of West Hill Lake in New Hartford. Born in Norwalk, CT, she was the youngest daughter of Shirley (Miller) and William F. Hanlon, both of Norwalk. She was preceded in passing by her beloved brother, Bill Hanlon. She was the extremely proud mother

of two loved sons, Ryan LeBlanc and his fiancé Jessica, of San Antonio, Texas and Corey LeBlanc of Bristol.

She will be greatly missed by her three sisters, Mary Ryon, husband Gary and Kathy Hanlon of Los Angeles, Carol Mandel, husband Tim of New Hartford and her brother, Paul, wife Liz of Torrington. She had a special place in heart for all of her nieces and nephews, and soon to be grandchildren Madison and James.

A Mass of Christian Burial, honoring her life, will be held at Our Lady of Hope Parish, formerly Immaculate Conception Church in New Hartford, on Saturday November 27th at 11:00am. Burial will be by family, at a later time. It was Tracey's request that everyone wear bright happy colors to her funeral to celebrate her life.

Tracey loved her rescue dogs; in lieu of flowers, considering donating to "Big Fluffy Dog Rescue" at P.O. Box 332161, Nashville TN 37203, or your local animal shelter in her memory. <https://bigfluffydogs.com/donate>. Montano-Shea Funeral Home, New Hartford has care of the arrangements. Visit an online guestbook at montano-shea.com.

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Sweeney, Joanne



Joanne Sweeney, 63, passed away peacefully surrounded by her family on November 21, 2021. She was born September 5, 1958. She was married to Michael Sweeney on August 27, 1977, who survives her. Joanne is survived by her children Melissa Kangas, and her husband Jarrod, Michael Sweeney Jr., Jessica Sweeney, and granddaughters Madison

Stanchick and Michaela Sweeney. She was predeceased by her son Matthew Sweeney. Joanne is also survived by her brothers Robert Meek, and his wife Yvonne, David Meek, Douglas Meek, and his wife Patricia, and several nieces and nephews. Her parents, Robert and Dorothy Meek, sister Kathleen Meek, and her sister-in-law Nancy Meek predeceased her.

Joanne was a caring and compassionate woman who enjoyed caring for her family, auto racing, boating, and, through her job with the Manchester Board of Education, working with handicapped children. Joanne will be remembered for her love of wearing flip-flops, even in the dead of winter. Calling hours will be Monday, November 29th, from 4-7 p.m. at John F. Tierney Funeral Home, 219 W. Center Street, Manchester, CT. Graveside services will be held Tuesday, November 30th at 11:00 a.m. in Buckland Cemetery, 1210 Tolland Turnpike, Manchester, CT, followed by a celebration of Joanne's life at the Army-Navy Club on Main Street, Manchester.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in Joanne's name to the Special Olympics of Hartford. For online condolences, please visit www.tierneyfuneralhome.com.

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Hudlow III, Richard K



Richard K. Hudlow III 54, of Berlin, husband of Karen (Killius) Hudlow passed away peacefully on Saturday, November 20, 2021 surrounded by his family at his parents home. He bravely persevered and remained as positive as possible while courageously battling against cancer. Richard is the son of Dick and Eva Hudlow.

Richard grew up in the Candlewyck neighborhood of Newington making lifelong friendships. Richard was a 1986 graduate of Newington High School. He was a member of the football team and loved playing along side his best friend John. His true passions were driving a truck most recently for M&M Transport, Nascar racing and snowmobiling with his family and best friends. He was a devoted uncle to his nephew Colby attending his numerous hockey practices, games and tournaments throughout New England.

In addition to his wife and parents, he is survived by his son, Andrew of Berlin, siblings Dawn and her husband Kyle of Lee, MA, Lisa and her husband Jeff of Stoddard, NH.

His family will receive friends for a celebration of his life at the home of his parents, Dick and Eva Hudlow on Saturday, November 27, 2021 from 1pm - 3pm at 34 Woodduck Farms, Windsor, CT.

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MacDonald, Wilfred (Bill) R.



Wilfred (Bill) R. MacDonald, 91, passed from this life to his eternal reward on Monday, November 22, 2021. He was born in Searsport, ME, on February 18, 1930, to Rev. Clifford J. and Agnes (Howard) MacDonald who predeceased him. He is also predeceased by his first wife, Merlyn D. MacDonald; and his brothers, Lawrence, Paul, and Ernest.



He served his country during the Korean War Theater in US Army and Reserves, and attended the Apostolic Bible Institute in St. Paul, MN.

Wilfred was lovingly referred to as "Uncle Bud" or "Uncle Mac" by his many nieces and nephews as well as by the students of Heritage Christian School, where he enjoyed driving the bus. He was a faithful member of Heritage United Pentecostal Church of Bristol, CT, for many years. He was a lifetime student of history and was a wonderful story teller.

He leaves behind his loving, caring wife of 42 years, Margaret L. MacDonald, and children: son James MacDonald of Barron, WI; John (Jill) MacDonald of Bristol, CT; William (Jean) Cowles of Bonnerdale, AR; Daniel (Sue) Cowles of Little Falls, NY; Diana (Kenneth) Page of Haddam, CT; Debra (Daniel) Martin of Decatur, IL; Edward (Lynn) MacDonald of Hastings, NE; Sue (Rob) Eselby of New Hartford, CT; and Dea (Nathan) Schlupp of Kailua, HI; along with many grandchildren and great-grandchildren; also, two brothers, Clifford (Sandy) MacDonald of Meriden, CT, and Charles MacDonald of Torrington, CT, as well as many of nieces and nephews. The visiting hours will be Friday, November 26th from 3 to 5 PM at Funk Funeral Home, 35 Bellevue Avenue, Bristol and from 9:30 to 10 AM on Saturday November 27th at Heritage United Pentecostal Church, 48 Lewis St, Bristol followed by a funeral service at 10 AM. Interment immediately following in Peacedale Cemetery, Bristol with full Military Honors. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Heritage Helps food pantry at www.heritageupc.org and click on "give online" or by mail to Heritage Helps, 48 Lewis Street, Bristol, CT 06010. For directions and/or to leave an online condolence please visit Wilfred's memorial website at www.FunkFuneralHome.com



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Pharmer, Keith



Keith L. Pharmer, 71 of Scotland passed away Sunday November 21, 2021. He was the son of Aubrey and Shirley (Mills) Pharmer. He died peacefully at home, surrounded by the people he loved most.

Born on July 14, 1950 in Hartford, CT he was raised in East Hartford and settled down in Scotland, CT where he resided for most of his life. Keith bravely served in the Vietnam War from 1968 to 1970 and was a gunner on a riverboat patrol boat with his best friend, Mike Lawhorn. Keith was a true outdoorsman. He loved hunting, fishing, Alaska, Nova Scotia, his camp in Vermont, and his dog, Tess. He also loved good food, camping, IPAs, woodworking and classic cars. He worked at R.T. Coachworks in Manchester, and A-1 Septic in Woodstock before retiring.

He is survived by his daughter, Kate Riquier and her husband Tim of Columbia, his son, Todd Pharmer and his wife Kendra of Stafford, his daughter Beth Knight and her husband Olney of Brooklyn, his grandchildren Jenna, Lexi, Walter, Michael, Patrick, Turner, Sarina and Ada, his former wife, Mary Jane Pharmer of Scotland, and his sister Jeannine Steniger and husband Steve. Keith was predeceased by his beloved son, Michael, parents Aubrey and Shirley and his brother Verne Pharmer.

Services will be private. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made on Keith's behalf to the Montachusett Veterans Outreach Center. To send an online expression of sympathy, please visit www.baconfh.com

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Olszewski, Victor B.



Victor B. Olszewski, 83, of Windsor Locks, (previously of Science Hill, KY) passed away peacefully at Hartford Hospital on Saturday November 20, 2021. Born in Windsor on February 15, 1938, the son of the late, John and Jadwiga (Gielarowski) Olszewski. Victor was educated in Windsor schools and received his Associates degree from Northwestern Connecticut Community College. Victor was honorably discharged from the US Air Force in 1962. He proudly served the town of Simsbury as a police officer for many years before retirement. After retiring he enjoyed being on his farms in CT and KY. He loved his vegetable gardens and his plants. He also loved his livestock transportation and furniture restoration businesses (CT) and being a real estate agent (KY). He is survived by his children; his daughter; Connie O. Severance and her husband Kirk of North Granby, his sons; Marshall S. Olszewski of Windsor Locks, and Victor A. Olszewski of Lanesborough, MA, his stepdaughter; Kimberly A. Martin and her husband Chad of Colchester, and his stepson; Michael S. Leite of Windsor, his grandchildren; Bridgett Olszewski, Katelynne Pierce, Kelly Severance, Dylan Opalenik, Kaylee Opalenik and his sister Olga. Victor was predeceased by his wife of 26 years, Marian M. Olszewski, his parents and his 3 sisters and 7 brothers. A graveside service will be private and at the convenience of the family. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Victor's memory to the charity of your choice. Hayes-Huling & Carmon Funeral Home of Granby has care of the arrangements. For condolences, please visit www.carmonfuneralhome.com.



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Sapia, Laura A. (Pagliughi)

Laura A. (Pagliughi) Sapia, 62, of Amston, beloved wife of William A. Sapia, died Sunday November 21, 2021 at Hartford Hospital. Born August 28, 1959 in Hartford, daughter of Paul Pagliughi of East Hartford and the late Nina (Sparver) Pagliughi, she had lived in Amston for the past 30 years. Laura was Medical Office Manager for Middlesex Endoscopy. She graduated from Penney High School in 1977 and attended Manchester Community College. Laura had worked for Monaco Ford for over 20 years and the Gallery Restaurant in Glastonbury. Besides her husband and father Laura is survived by her daughter Samantha Storer and her husband William of Columbia, her granddaughter Madison Storer, 3 sisters and their husbands, Terri and Tony Hayes of Hebron, Paula and Rick Sampson of East Hartford, Gina and Charlie Kopcinski of Glastonbury, her sister-in-law and brother-in-law Charlene and Michael Lang of Ellington and several loving nieces and nephews. Besides her mother she was predeceased by her mother-in-law Helen Sapia. A mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Saturday Nov. 27 at 9:30am in Ss Isidore and Maria Parish at St. Augustine Church, 55 Hopewell Rd., South Glastonbury (everyone please meet at church). Burial will follow in Holy Cross Cemetery, Glastonbury. Friends may call at the Mulryan Funeral Home, 725 Hebron Ave., Glastonbury on Friday Nov. 26 from 4-7pm. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to the American Heart Association, P.O. Box 840692, Dallas, TX 75284-0692 or to the Breast Cancer Research Foundation, 28 West 44th Street, Suite 609, NY, NY 10036 www.bcrf.org. For online condolences please visit www.mulryanfh.com.

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Trudeau, Gainore L.

Gainore L. (Luurtsema) Trudeau, 87, beloved wife of the late Joseph E. Trudeau, of Manchester, passed away on Saturday, November 20, 2021, with her family by her side. Born June 27, 1934, in Manchester to the late Peter and Hazel (Gordon) Luurtsema.

Gai graduated from Manchester High School. She went on to work for the telephone company, and in 1955, married Joseph and became a full-time housewife and mother. After the boys had grown, she worked at the Glastonbury Citizen newspaper and the Salvation Army Thrift Store.

Throughout her life, she always loved animals of all kinds and was never without at least one dog in the house. She was especially fond of her dogs she adopted from the Connecticut Humane Society. Gai also enjoyed vegetable gardening, all of her plants in the yard, and also, her indoor plants, many kinds of which filled her home.

She was a great cook, learning recipes of all nationalities, sewing and knitting were also in her repertoire. Gai made many clothes for her family and herself, as well as reupholstering furniture and vehicle seats. She was a fan of older country music, especially Willie Nelson.

Gai leaves behind her sons Richard and Randall Trudeau, both of Manchester; her sister Doris Bunce of Manchester; as well as numerous nieces and nephews. Besides her husband, she was predeceased by her sister Mildred Plank and her brothers; Peter, Robert, Richard, and Lt. Col. George Luurtsema.

Family and friends may call at the John F. Tierney Funeral Home, 219 W. Center St., Manchester, CT, on Saturday, November 27th, 2021, from 9:00 - 10:30 a.m. followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at St. Bridget Church, 80 Main Street, Manchester at 11:00 a.m. Burial will be at East Cemetery.

We would like to thank the physical therapist and the aides at the Vernon Visiting Nurses. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Gai's memory may be made to the Connecticut Humane Society. For online condolences, please visit www.tierneyfuneralhome.com.

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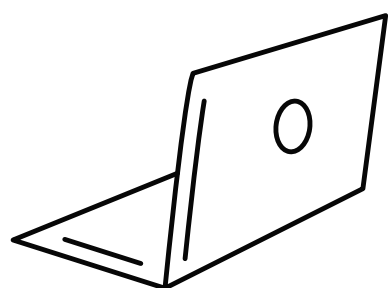
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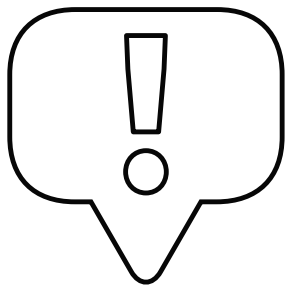
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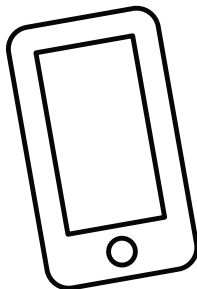
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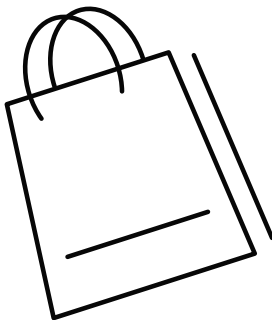
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CORONAVIRUS IN CONNECTICUT

Colleges report uptick in infections

Cases increasing among students, employees as virus transmission continues to climb statewide

By Alex Putterman
Hartford Courant

Some Connecticut colleges and universities have seen an uptick in COVID-19 cases in recent weeks, publicly reported data shows, amid a broader increase in coronavirus transmission statewide. Wesleyan, for example, recorded 44 COVID-19 cases from Nov. 11-17,

far more than during any other week this semester. The school, which has about 3,200 students, currently has 46 active cases: 45 among students and one among employees. Yale last week reported 40 new cases — 29 among students, 11 among faculty and staff — bringing the school's seven-day average to its highest level of the semester.

UConn has seen a relatively low number of student cases recently but logged 10 cases among employees from Nov. 11-17, most in a week this semester. "As cases have ticked up statewide, it also makes sense that they would tick up among members of the UConn workforce," spokesperson Stephanie Reitz said in an email. "However, I wouldn't consider it a 'wave' by any means, nor are there any clusters." Other local schools, including Trinity College and Central

Connecticut State, have reported few or no new COVID-19 cases in recent weeks. Despite the upticks on some campuses, no Connecticut college or university is experiencing a COVID-19 surge on par with the ones that were frequent during the 2020-21 school year — likely due in part to the requirement that students and staff be vaccinated. Connecticut as a whole has seen a sharp increase in COVID-19 cases and positivity rate in recent weeks, as part of what appears to be the

cold-weather spike some experts predicted. **Cases and positivity rate:** Connecticut reported 754 new COVID-19 cases on Tuesday out of 16,255 tests, for a daily positivity rate of 4.64% — highest in a single day since Aug. 31. The state's COVID-19 positivity rate has tended to be higher on Tuesdays than on other days, which state officials attribute to patterns

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Hartford council member resigns

Bermudez steps down, names likely Working Families replacement

By Rebecca Lurye
Hartford Courant

HARTFORD — Hartford city council member Wildaliz Bermudez will be moving out of the capital city and leaving office at the end of December, one year into her second term representing the minority Working Families Party on the Democrat-controlled body. Bermudez, who was elected in 2015 and again in 2020, announced her upcoming resignation and move on Tuesday on a website for herself and fellow Working Families Party city councilor Josh Michtom. She formally recommended the council replace her with Tiana Hercules, a criminal defense lawyer with Hartford-based Sills Law Firm who also worked as a special assistant to former Hartford Mayor Pedro Segarra. "My work for Hartford started long before I was a politician and

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One year into her second term, Wildaliz Bermudez has announced she will leave Hartford's city council in December. **COURANT FILE PHOTO**



Tony Yurgaitis, owner of Arethusa Farm Dairy and Cafe in West Hartford, speaks at a news conference Tuesday with Gov. Ned Lamont, U.S. Sen. Richard Blumenthal and state legislators, urging people to support small businesses. **CHRISTOPHER KEATING/HARTFORD COURANT**

Holiday shoppers urged to go big for small businesses

Elected leaders: 'It's our turn to show them that we're going to stand with them'

By Christopher Keating
Hartford Courant

WEST HARTFORD — With many small businesses still struggling from the pandemic, top Connecticut officials urged shoppers Tuesday to patronize their local merchants during the upcoming shopping season. Gov. Ned Lamont, U.S. Sen. Richard Blumenthal and state legislators gathered in West Hartford to tout the ambience of walking to nearby shops and restaurants in the town's busy central business district. "It's a great alternative to shopping in

malls, big box stores or online," said Tony Yurgaitis, owner of Arethusa Farm Dairy and Cafe on Farmington Avenue. Yurgaitis, who hosted the event, operates two other stores in New Haven and Litchfield — as well as running a farm in Litchfield that expanded from five cows to more than 400. The business started by selling 5,000 bottles of seasonal eggnog, and that has sharply increased to more than 45,000 bottles. "We opened our own dairy — not knowing a thing about it," Yurgaitis said. "When you support us, you're also supporting the farm."

The small retailers held on valiantly during the pandemic, and officials said now is the time for Connecticut residents to help retailers by shopping locally because small businesses generate about 740,000 jobs and employ about half of the workers statewide. Lamont and others encouraged shoppers to participate in Small Business Saturday, which is traditionally two days after Thanksgiving. Known as a last-minute shopper, Lamont has often downplayed his shopping skills.

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Griswold mother charged in death of her 6-week-old baby

Allegedly told police she was overwhelmed, cries were 'too much'

By Seamus McAvoy
Hartford Courant

A Connecticut mother has been charged in the death of her 6-week-old baby after telling police that the stress of her children's cries overwhelmed her, state police said Tuesday.

Crystal Czyzewski, 35, of Griswold, was arrested Monday and charged with first-degree manslaughter and risk of injury to a minor. On the evening of Nov. 17, Quinebaug Valley Emergency Communications received a call from Czyzewski stating that her 1-month-old baby was "barely breathing" and breathing "very lightly," according to the warrant for Czyzewski's arrest. The baby was taken to William

W. Backus Hospital in Norwich shortly after by emergency personnel. At 2:30 a.m. the next morning, the baby was flown to Connecticut Children's in Hartford to continue receiving treatment, according to the arrest affidavit. The center's Suspected Child Abuse and Neglect team performed a physical exam of the infant, which showed no signs of abuse. According to Department of Children and Families records, police said, the baby appeared to

have been resuscitated but was not breathing on its own. The baby was pronounced dead on Nov. 21 by a Connecticut Children's physician. State police went to Czyzewski's residence Monday for further questioning. There they found Czyzewski's mother, who said Czyzewski was at her cousin's house in Norwich. One detective stayed to interview Czyzewski's mother while another traveled to Norwich.

According to the affidavit, Czyzewski initially told police she left her baby in an indoor swing and left to go for a walk with a friend, before admitting this was a lie. Czyzewski later told police she placed a blanket over the baby's face, and her hand over the blanket, for 20 minutes while the baby was crying on Nov. 17, according to the affidavit.

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Police: 1 injured after driver rolled through protest in Manchester

By Jesse Leavenworth
Hartford Courant

A motorist drove a vehicle through a group of protesters in Manchester on Saturday, causing one person to report minor injuries, police said Tuesday.

Police responded to a call about blocked traffic at Main and East Center streets at about 4:45 p.m. Protesters had been demonstrating against the not-guilty verdicts in the Kyle Rittenhouse trial in Wisconsin.

No one was in the roadway when officers arrived, but police learned that a vehicle had driven through protesters when they were in the road earlier.

No one made an emergency call about being struck, police said, but a 60-year-old woman came

forward to say the vehicle had hit her and she suffered minor injuries. The woman declined medical attention at the scene and provided officers with a description of the vehicle, police said.

The driver has been identified and the investigation remains active, police spokesman Lt. Ryan Shea said. Shea also said he wanted to clear up misinformation distributed on social media and in some news reports. Only one person reported minor injuries, he said, and “there is no indication that the actions of the operator were politically motivated.”

Anyone with information about the incident is asked to call police at 860-645-5500.

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Catherine Marx of the U.S. Small Business Administration, joined by Gov. Ned Lamont, far left, and Sen. Richard Blumenthal, urges residents to shop local this holiday season. **CHRISTOPHER KEATING/HARTFORD COURANT**

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“There are great people at these stores, and if you’re a pathetic shopper like me, that’s a big help,” Lamont told reporters. “Every time I buy something online, I thought it looked pretty cool, but by the time it’s under the Christmas tree and the kids open it up, you would’ve thought I’d given them a block of coal or something like that. I need really smart people at these stores to make me look cool by finding things that I can get right here and now.”

Lamont added, “Here in West

Hartford and across the state, there’s nothing like a great local store. You will probably run into a neighbor there. It brings life to the towns. ... Give them a break because they’re going to make you look good on Christmas Day.”

Catherine Marx of the U.S. Small Business Administration and others said there are no major problems with the small businesses that are related to the global supply chain that has delayed deliveries.

“Your gifts will not be waiting at a barge on the Connecticut River,” Marx said.

Blumenthal said that many small businesses are finally getting back

on their feet after the pandemic closed “nonessential” businesses in March 2020. Many of them needed the federal Paycheck Protection Program’s forgivable loans to remain in business.

“The guts and grit of our small businesses has been absolutely inspiring,” Blumenthal said. “They have persisted during the toughest economic times. Now, it’s our turn to show them that we’re going to stand with them. In a way, it’s kind of an endorsement of the entrepreneurial spirit that makes America great”

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East Hartford girl has been missing for almost 2 weeks

By Jesse Leavenworth
Hartford Courant

MANCHESTER — Kimberly Claudio’s sisters last saw her on the afternoon of Nov. 10 as they hurried to a school bus outside Howell Cheney Technical High School in Manchester, the girls’ grandmother, Irma Claudio, said Tuesday.

Kimberly, 14, was talking with a group of other girls, and her sisters, twins Kayla and Jazlyn Claudio, warned her she would miss the bus, Irma Claudio said. When the bus left the lot, Kimberly was not on it, and the family has not heard from her since, her grandmother said.

Manchester police issued a missing persons alert for the East Hartford girl, who has brown eyes, dark brown hair, stands 5 feet 3 and weighs 102 pounds. Kimberly was last seen wearing a red, hooded

sweatshirt and black, knee-length skirt. Police have developed information that she may be in the Greater Hartford area, department spokesman Lt. Ryan Shea said.

Kimberly is one of five siblings. Her father and mother, Jose Claudio Ana Pomaes-Claudio, are pastors at the Church of God Pentecostal Sanando Heridas in Hartford.

Kimberly enjoys singing in church, drawing and reading, Irma Claudio said. Family members and friends are praying every day for her safe return, she said.

“That’s what keeps us standing — our faith and prayers,” Irma Claudio said.

Anyone with information about Kimberly’s whereabouts is asked to contact Manchester police at 860-645-5500.

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Both the baby and her 5-year-old child were crying, and she said it was “too much.” According to the affidavit, Czyzewski said she was stressed and hadn’t planned to give birth to another child.

She told police she left the baby, who was no longer breathing, in the swing for the rest of the day, according to the affidavit. She allegedly told police she and her mother, who Czyzewski said knew the baby was not breathing, agreed to lie to police because Czyzewski

feared losing custody of her 5-year-old.

After police returned with Czyzewski to her residence later on Nov. 22, they again interviewed her mother who admitted to knowing the baby had stopped breathing, according to the affidavit. Czyzewski’s mother said she did not know Czyzewski had harmed the baby.

Police obtained a warrant for Czyzewski’s arrest later that day. Czyzewski was held on a \$500,000 surety bond and was scheduled to appear in superior court in Norwich Tuesday morning.

Bermudez

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it will continue long after I step down,” Bermudez, a lifelong city resident, said. “We have labored together time after time to make our city livable in every way, and I would not leave you without allies on the council that will also lead boldly.”

Throughout the Bronin administration, the Working Families Party members have often tried to push the body far left of center on issues like immigration, tenant rights and police reform and accountability.

Last summer, Bermudez and Michtom fought unsuccessfully to cut the city’s law enforcement budget by 21%. The councilors have also advocated for greater transparency and public debate by the council, whose Democratic majority typically reserve discussions for private caucuses.

Bermudez has helped organize community conversations around numerous public safety and civil rights issues, such as regulating

the use of drones by Hartford police, strengthening the Civilian Police Review Board and securing more city funds to help immigrants facing deportation.

She and Michtom also proposed the city rename Columbus Day as Indigenous Peoples’ Day in 2020, a year before their fellow council members agreed to the change.

Bermudez says she’s planning to move to New Haven by summer 2022, but wanted to give her replacement time to get up to speed before budget season. She did not provide any other details of her future plans.

In her announcement, Bermudez simply said she and her husband, civil rights attorney Ken Krayaske, “must move on in search of new opportunities for our personal and professional growth.”

Her likely replacement, Hercules, must be appointed by a majority of the Hartford Court of Common Council. The body

typically accepts the recommendation of whichever political party experiences the vacancy on council.

Hercules ran for city council in 2019 as part of a slate led by state Rep. Brandon McGee, a Democrat who was unsuccessful in unseating Hartford Mayor Luke Bronin.

A mother of three, Hercules previously worked in the Office of the Chief Public Defender, where Michtom is an attorney in the child protection and juvenile unit.

The Working Families Party said Hercules has helped lead an anti-gun violence initiative in the city and served on the boards of Mutual Housing of Greater Hartford, NINA, Girls for Technology and her church. She is also a member of the Connecticut Commission for Children, Women, Seniors, Equality and opportunity.

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Hercules

Virus

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in who gets tested over the week-end.

Connecticut’s seven-day positivity rate now stands at 3.39%, up slightly from Monday and the highest at a given time since Sept. 1.

The state has averaged 751 daily COVID-19 cases over the past week, its highest in a seven-day span since mid-September. Unvac-

inated residents have been about four times as likely to test positive as vaccinated residents, according to state data.

As of Tuesday, all eight Connecticut counties were recording “high” levels of COVID-19 transmission as defined by the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Hospitalizations: As of Tuesday, Connecticut has 282 patients hospitalized with COVID-19, up four from Monday and match-

ing the most at a time since Sept. 26. Hospitalizations have now increased 43% since Nov. 7.

Hospital officials say the vast majority of those hospitalized with serious COVID-19 symptoms are unvaccinated.

Deaths: Connecticut reports additional COVID-19 deaths once a week, on Thursdays. The state reported 25 COVID-19 deaths last week, bringing its total during the pandemic to 8,834.

The United States has now recorded 773,021 deaths related to COVID-19, according to the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University.

Vaccinations: As of Tuesday, 83% of all Connecticut residents and 93.5% of those 12 and older had received at least one COVID-19 vaccine dose, while 71.7% of all residents and 82.3% of those 12 and older were fully vaccinated, according to the CDC.

Additionally, 22.3% of fully vaccinated Connecticut residents 18 or older have received a booster dose.

As of last week, all adults who received a Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna vaccine at least six months ago are now eligible for a booster shot, along with all adults who received a Johnson & Johnson vaccine at least two months ago.

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‘Vomitorium’ goes ‘90s to celebrate 25 years

Annual local musicians’ gathering back in person, with costume contest and plenty of classic covers

By Christopher Arnott
Hartford Courant

Dean Falcone’s “Vomitorium” is turning 25 — depending on how you count — and nobody’s more surprised than he is. For him, the annual holiday show, which takes place this year on Wednesday at cafe nine in New Haven is simply a fun night in a bar with friends that has gotten way out of control.

The Hamden-based guitarist has been in bands since he was a preteen, and has hundreds of musician friends. He has a special knack for getting those friends to join him onstage — not for loose jams but for covers of pop songs, many of them quirky, obscure or by cherished cult bands that often don’t get covered.

Vomitorium began when Falcone was slated to play at the Black Seal club in Essex on Christmas Eve. He vented to some visiting friends — singer/songwriter Aimee Mann and multi-instrumentalist Jon Brion — and they offered to play the gig with him.

That started a tradition of Falcone inviting friends, especially those who had left Connecticut but still returned home to visit family on holidays, to join him onstage. Over time, the gatherings centered

around Thanksgiving rather than Christmas, gained the self-deprecating name Vomitorium (after the ancient Roman practice of purging after big meals) and got slightly formalized, with the cover song choices constrained by an overarching theme.

Last year the Vomitorium had to go virtual and returned to its roots with the performers tackling favorite Christmas songs. The event was renamed COVIDtorium.

This year it’s live again and the theme is “The 1990s,” honoring the decade in which the Vomitorium was born. The joke is that Falcone doesn’t particularly like that decade’s music. “It’s a rough one for me,” he admits. But in fielding suggestions from the invited participants in the show, he found dozens of more-than-tolerable tunes he’s happy to play.

The set list demonstrates how unorthodox Vomitorium music tastes can be. The list includes songs by Nick Lowe, Gin Blossoms, Fastball, Elliot Smith, Morphine, Teenage Fanclub, Spacehog, Toad the Wet Sprocket and other respected bands that didn’t particularly challenge the record charts. There is one Nirvana number and one Pearl Jam, though not the ones you might expect. Green Day will



Dean Falcone’s “Vomitorium” shows have been a holiday tradition, usually around Thanksgiving, for a quarter of a century. This year’s show will be held Wednesday at cafe nine in New Haven. KATHLEEN CEI/COURTESY

be represented, as will They Might Be Giants, Flaming Lips and Peter Gabriel.

Guest performers this year include Rich Dart (who drums for The Monkees on tour), Jen D’Angora (whose Boston-based bands have included Shang Hi Los, Jenny Dee & The Deelinquents and The Downbeat 5), the irrepressible Dave Schneider of hockey-rockers The Zambonis, Brian Ember of the neoclassical grunge chamber group Tet Offensive, Barbara Shepard of esteemed ‘90s New Haven band The Who Whos,

Shellye Valauskas (who is married to Falcone and is also his bandmate in The Shellye Valauskas Experience) and many others.

The Vomitorium, Falcone says, is “an opportunity for people to do songs that their own bands won’t let them do,” Falcone says. “Some people don’t play in bands and all, and this is a chance for them to play. It used to be super loose, just having fun, but then we starting thinking ‘People are paying to see this, and we began to take it more seriously. It used to be spontaneous. Now we 80% or 90% know

what we’re doing.” The trickier songs, such as the ones with guitar solos “you have to get exactly right,” Falcone says, get a single rehearsal. For others, the band just wings it. This year, there’s a horn section for a couple of songs.

Besides three sets of ‘90s songs — in the past, the middle set has often had a separate theme, but not this year — there’ll be a ‘90s costume contest for attendees. While Falcone suggests “all you need to do is put a flannel shirt on,” past Vomitoriums have brought out considerable creativity, including a Josie & the Pussycats costume one year for a “fake bands” set.

The 2021 Vomitorium is dedicated to Ed Kaplan, a friend of Falcone’s since childhood who died in October just one month after being diagnosed with cancer. Kaplan was a familiar face in the crowd at local music and theater shows, including many Vomitoriums.

“I can’t believe we’ve been doing it this long,” Falcone says, but the mission has never changed. “We just want to have some fun with our friends.”

The 25th Annual Thanksgiving Vomitorium at cafe nine occurs Nov. 24 at 8 p.m. at cafe nine, 250 State St., New Haven. Tickets are \$10.

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CORONAVIRUS IN CONNECTICUT

Vaccine rates lag for DOC workers

Just 65% inoculated, with dozens recovering from COVID, data says

By Seamus McAvoy
Hartford Courant

The COVID-19 vaccination rate among Department of Correction employees stands out amid an otherwise rosy picture of vaccination rates among Connecticut executive branch employees.

Just 65% of the correction department’s 5,444 employees are fully vaccinated, according to data from Gov. Ned Lamont’s office. That’s well short of the much-smaller Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection and Department of Motor Vehicles, which each have a vaccination rate of 83% — tied for the second-lowest among executive branch departments with at least 100 employees.

About 24% of correction employees — 1,290 — have elected to undergo weekly testing in lieu of vaccination. Another 12%, or 634 employees, are non-compliant with either option. Ninety-two corrections staff members are currently recovering from COVID-19, according to department data.

One incarcerated person is in the hospital, 103 are symptomatic with COVID-19 and another 146 have tested positive for the virus without showing symptoms. As of Nov. 19, 21 incarcerated persons have died from COVID-related complications.

Overall compliance with the state’s vaccination-or-testing regulations is high, at 95%. Of executive branch state employees, 84% have been fully vaccinated, up from 80.8% on Oct. 22. Another 11% have elected to get tested weekly.

All but 5% of the Department of Public Health’s 677 employees have been fully vaccinated.

The Office of the Attorney General, the Office of Policy and Management, the Department of Banking and the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station all report zero noncompliant employees.

According to Lamont’s office, 31 executive branch employees have been fired, 35 have been placed on unpaid leave and 42 are in the process of being put on unpaid leave for refusing to get vaccinated or tested regularly.

Of 201,447 public school employees, 93% are fully vaccinated, as well as 93% of 12,152 private school employees.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 71.7% of all Connecticut residents and 82.3% of those 12 and older are fully vaccinated. 83% of all residents and 93.5% of those 12 and older have received at least one dose.

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A projected 2 million New Englanders will hit the roads this weekend. MARK MIRKO/HARTFORD COURANT

THANKSGIVING TRAVEL FORECAST

MORE DRIVERS HITTING THE ROAD

With 2 million expected this year, here’s what you need to know

By Christine Dempsey
Hartford Courant

AAA projects 2 million New Englanders will hit the roads over the Thanksgiving weekend, the second-highest number since it started keeping track. It will be a stark contrast to last year’s holiday, when fears of catching COVID-19 kept many at home.

In all, almost 2.5 million New Englanders will travel, an increase of more than 15% over 2020, AAA says. Despite the recent increase in gas prices, 87% of holiday travelers will drive.

“Both the Thanksgiving travel projections and the results of AAA’s statewide poll tell the same story,” says Tracy Noble, spokeswoman for AAA in Greater Hartford. “Thanksgiving travelers see COVID in the rear-view mirror and they are looking forward to returning to the pre-pandemic tradition of gathering with family and friends. Travelers should expect — and plan for — both the roadways and airports to be as busy as ever.”

When’s the best time to drive?

AAA says the worst traffic will hit metropolitan areas as commuters leave work early on Wednesday, mixing with people already headed to their Thanksgiving destinations.

Major metro areas could see double the delays.

For those who must drive Wednesday, the best time to hit the road is after 9 p.m., AAA says. The worst time is between noon and 8 p.m.

On Thanksgiving itself, the best time is before 11 a.m., and the worst is between noon and 3 p.m.

If you’re coming home Sunday, the best time to drive will be before noon. The worst? Between 2 and 7 p.m.

How do I stay safe while on the road?

Before you even hit the road for a long trip, AAA suggests drivers make sure their cars are “road-ready” by checking the battery, fuel system, tires, brakes and fluid levels.

“If your vehicle has been sitting idle, these systems are particularly vulnerable to deteriorating especially without proper care or maintenance,” AAA says.

If the car does break down, guide it off the road and turn the hazards on. Call for roadside assistance from the car and do not get out if you’re on a busy highway, the Insurance Information Institute says.

Just Saturday in Greenwich, a man was seriously injured when he was struck by a passing car as he got out of his vehicle on I-95 to check on another driver, state police say.

Troopers are asking drivers to buckle up, drive the speed limit and stay off their cellphones while behind the wheel. They also should not follow the cars in front of them too closely.

And those who plan to drink alcohol should designate a driver, they say.

Like AAA, troopers know more cars will be on the roads and plan to be watching for violations. From 12:01 a.m. Wednesday through midnight Sunday, there will be extra troopers on patrol watching for traffic scofflaws, state police say.

“As always, we depend on all drivers to remember and obey traffic laws,” said Col. Stavros Mellekas, commanding officer of the state police. “Please be our extra set of eyes on the highways and call 911 if you spot an emergency.”

Drivers will see some troopers on the state’s highways, but may not notice others. Mellekas said troopers will use both traditional

and nontraditional patrol cars for traffic enforcement.

“During this very busy long holiday weekend, please take the time to arrive at your destination safely,” he said. “Check traffic and weather reports before you leave home and be patient as the roads will be filled with other drivers.”

What will the weather be like?

It’s expected to be clear in the Hartford area Wednesday and most of Thanksgiving Day, with Wednesday’s high in the low 40s and Thursday’s in the low 50s, the National Weather Service says.

There is a chance of showers late Thursday and early Friday. Friday will be cloudy, with a high in the mid-40s, the service says.

Both Saturday and Sunday will be mostly sunny, with highs in the low 40s.

What about other ways to travel?

Like travel by car, travel by air, train or bus also will be up, with the projected number of New Englanders flying (250,000) increasing more than 82% over last year and the number of those taking buses or trains (34,000) jumping more than 250% over last year, AAA says.

But the 2021 numbers are still almost 20% below 2019’s, they say.

The overall number of New Englanders poised to travel this Thanksgiving is much more impressive. The projection of 2.5 million falls just shy of the record number of pre-pandemic travelers in 2019, AAA says.

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Woman dies 8 days after shooting in Hartford

By Christine Dempsey
Hartford Courant

A woman who was fighting for her life after being shot last week in Hartford has died of her injuries, police said.

Margarita Pagan, 33, of Park Street, died Tuesday, they said.

Pagan was shot about 10 p.m. Nov. 15. Alerted by a ShotSpotter activation, dispatchers sent officers to the area of 48 Putnam St., police said at the time. Officers found a woman, later identified as Pagan, suffering from a gunshot wound; she was taken to the hospital, where she was listed in critical condition.

Pagan was around the corner from her Park Street home when she was found. The circumstances of the shooting are still being investigated and are not clear, Lt. Aaron Boisvert said Tuesday.

Her death is the 32nd homicide of the year in Hartford, not counting a deadly federal task force shooting Jan. 6.

Hartford remains on track to record one of its deadliest years in decades, having surpassed or matched the recent highs of 32 murders in all of 2015 and 33 total murders in 2009.

Should killings continue, the total number of homicides in 2021 may be rivaled only by the late ‘80s and early ‘90s, when homicides peaked nationwide and gang wars raged in Hartford, and by 2003, when an arson at the Greenwood Health Center killed 16 in a single night.

Anyone who has any information about the shooting is asked to call the police tip line at 860-722-8477 (TIPS).

NEWINGTON

Police: Shots fired on Berlin Turnpike

Police are looking for the driver of a dark gray SUV who they say opened fire on another vehicle Monday night in Newington.

There were no reports of injuries from the gunfire, which happened about 7:30 p.m. on the Berlin Turnpike at Pane Road. Both vehicles were stopped in the north lanes of the heavily traveled road when the driver of the dark SUV started shooting at a white SUV, police said. The motive for the gunfire isn’t clear.

The driver of the darker SUV fled west on Pane Road after opening fire, and the white SUV’s driver headed south. When officers arrived at the scene, they found “numerous shell casings in the roadway,” police said in a news release.

Police have not identified a suspect or victim. Anyone with information is encouraged to call Officer David Cyr at 860-666-8445 or dcyr@newingtonct.gov.

— Christine Dempsey



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LEGAL NOTICE

Water and Sewerage bills are due the City of Middletown on NOV 1, 2021 and if not paid in full by DECEMBER 1, 2021 are subject to 18 percent per annum interest. (1 1/2% per month) from the installment due date of Nov 1st. On-line payments WITH NO SERVICE FEE are encouraged as instructed on your bill. Checks may be mailed to Office of the Tax Collector- Water/Sewer, Municipal Bldg., 245 deKoven Dr., Middletown, CT 06457.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Zoning Commission of the Town of Old Saybrook will hold a public hearing at its regularly scheduled meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, December 6, 2021 in the 1st floor conference room, Old Saybrook Town Hall, 302 Main Street and via teleconference to consider the following:

A. "19 Bridge Street Apartments"
Application for modification to Special
Exception Permit & Coastal Site Plan
Review to add a 1,229 s.f. residential
dwelling containing two apartment units.
Assessor's Map 24, Lot 54, Saybrook
Point SP-3 District, CAM Zone, CT River
Gateway Conservation Zone. Applicant:
Saybrook Point Marina, LLC. Agent:
Attorney David Royston

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At this hearing interested parties may appear and be heard and written communications may be submitted in advance via email to chris.costa@oldsaybrookct.gov or regular mail. Copies of applications and plans are on file in the Land Use Department, Old Saybrook Town Hall, 302 Main Street and at www.oldsaybrookct.gov/zoning-commission

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‘A nice place to sleep’

Small Mayo Clinic study addresses the effects of having a dog in bed with us

By Tara Parker-Pope
The New York Times

Every early morning, around 2 a.m., my sleeping partner wakes me up because she’s thirsty and needs a bathroom break.

Fortunately for her, she has no trouble going back to sleep. I know this because after this nightly ritual, I’m often wide-awake, listening to her gentle snores.

By now, you may have figured out that my bed buddy is a dog. Like many dogs around the world, Maddie, a 13-year-old Shih Tzu, is a co-sleeper who shares her bed with a human.

Various studies have estimated that about half of all pet owners allow their pets to sleep in the bed. Although the scientific literature makes a compelling case that our pets are good for us in many ways, research into the impacts of co-sleeping is more limited.

A small Mayo Clinic study of 40 adults used human and dog body monitors to measure whether having a dog in the bedroom or in the bed had an impact on sleep quality.

The researchers measured sleep efficiency, which compares how many minutes you actually sleep after going to bed. (The clock doesn’t start until you close your eyes for the night — staying up to read a book doesn’t count.) Everyone has brief periods where

they wake during the night, but they often don’t even notice. Ideally, you’ll stay asleep about 85% of the time you’re in bed.

In the Mayo study, the sleep efficiency of people whose dogs slept in the room was close to that, at about 83%. If a dog was sleeping on the bed, sleep efficiency dropped to about 80%, which is less than ideal but not bad either.

Although the difference was statistically meaningful, it translates to roughly 14 minutes of lost sleep for people who sleep with their dog compared with those who had their dog in the same room.

The study’s authors noted that the dog’s sleep efficiency “was unaffected by their location.” And notably, the monitoring devices detected the dogs enjoying about 2 minutes of playtime each night.

Once a dog experiences sleeping in bed with a human, it can be a hard habit to break, said Alexandra Horowitz, a professor at Barnard College and author of the book “Inside of a Dog: What Dogs See, Smell and Know.”

“If you let them sleep on the bed with you, they’re going to continue to want to because it’s a nice place to sleep,” Horowitz said. “It would be extra hard not to let them.”

But allowing your pet to sleep in the bed is only a problem if it causes you distress, Horowitz said. Although some

people believe that letting a dog in your bed could lead to behavior issues in the pet, there’s no evidence co-sleeping creates problems, she said. In fact, it could lead to a stronger bond with your pet.

“I think it really came from this idea that dogs should be segregated from the best parts of the house — they shouldn’t be in the kitchen, the dining room, on the couch or on the bed,” Horowitz said.

“For some reason, there is this sense that we have to maintain our dominance over them by having full possession of these things. It sounds ridiculous because it is ridiculous,” she said.

Horowitz said that when her dogs, Finnegan, a Lab mix, and Upton, a Great Dane-bloodhound mix, started crowding the bed, the solution in her house was not to kick them out, but to “expand the size of our bed.”

“They’re getting older, so they can’t leap up onto the bed anymore,” she said. “We actually have to lift them onto the bed. But it’s the best place. It’s a comfy place. It’s where we are.”

Horowitz recently got a new puppy, a Schnauzer-cattle dog mix named Quiddity, who sleeps with her son. She said that if someone was having trouble sleeping because of a dog, they should try to find another cozy spot for the pet to enjoy.

“They don’t have to sleep in the bed,” she said. “Find some other place as

spectacularly good — or maybe they want to sleep with your son.”

One question the Mayo Clinic study didn’t address was how sleep changes for dog owners if the dog leaves the bed. On a few occasions, my dog Maddie has chosen to sleep elsewhere, and I find myself waking up even more wondering where she is. When that happens, I go find her and bring her back to bed.

When Jamie Contreras and her husband, who live near Portland, Oregon, got their bulldog mix puppy, Cooper, they planned for him to sleep in a crate next to the bed. But soon, the dog made it clear he wanted to be on the bed. As the dog got bigger, it became apparent there wasn’t enough room for everybody — so the couple bought a king-size bed.

Now, nearly 12 years later, the 83-pound dog’s nightly routine includes sleeping under the covers between Contreras and her husband. Often, the dog moves on top of the covers during the night, pinning the couple under the sheets. Sometimes, Cooper kicks and “runs” while dreaming.

“He’s a big dog and he moves around a lot,” Contreras said. “But I like having him there. It’s a comfort. When we travel, it’s almost hard to sleep not having him there. There are inconveniences to it, and it occasionally wakes you up, but the benefits outweigh that. I wouldn’t have it any other way.”

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EX-ETIQUETTE

What to do when bonus family can’t get together

By Jann Blackstone
Tribune News Service

Q. Over the years, my yours, mine and ours bonus family blended into a peaceful menagerie. It was great around the holidays; all the kids, the exes, extended family on either side congregated at our home. No fights or arguments, we all accepted that this is the way life had played out and we tried to make it easy on the kids. Now that the kids are adults and married, they also have to

go to their in-laws homes and our schedules never seems to jive. I sometimes see my biochildren, sometimes my bonus children, but rarely together. I am afraid we will never have a family holiday when we will all be together again. What’s good ex-etiquette?

A. Well, your predicament is certainly different than most of the questions I get around this time of year. Most are complaining for the exact opposite reason, but YOU WANT to be together and can’t. Juggling schedules is

difficult, particularly if you have a bonus family. Not only do you have your in-laws and that extended family to juggle, but you also have ex-extended family to juggle as well. Many say why even consider ex-extended relatives family? Because they are related to your children. Write them off and you are writing off your children’s grandma or grandpa, aunts and uncles, cousins, etc. A divorce may have changed things for you, but these are important people to your children, even though you may no

longer be a couple. There’s no way we can coordinate everyone being in one place, but we can coordinate a family Zoom call. If the pandemic has taught us anything, it’s that online is not the same thing as being together, but it is a real-time substitute. The key is to remember what the holiday is symbolizing — being grateful for your blessings. Coordination is difficult, but letting our bonus family members know they are loved, and you are thankful they are in your life, never changes.



DREAMSTIME

CELEBRITIES

Michael Strahan set for space mission

From news services

“Good Morning America” co-host Michael Strahan is going to space next month.

Strahan, 50, will join Laura Shepard Churchley, the eldest daughter of astronaut Alan Shepard, on the Dec. 9 mission aboard the New Shepard, a spacecraft named after her father and the first American in space.

The Blue Origin flight, the company headed by Jeff Bezos, will also carry four paying customers and will be the third by the New Shepard craft this year to shuttle humans to space. The 10-minute flight will launch from West Texas carrying six people, two more than the previous two flights this year with humans aboard.

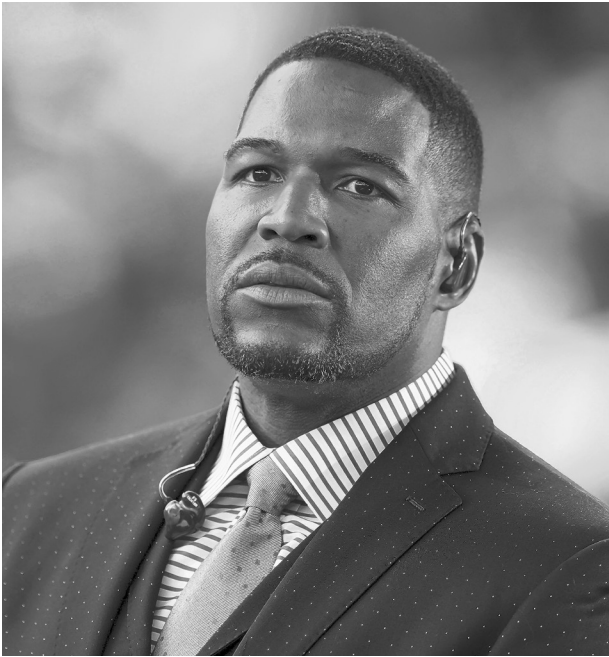
Similar to previous jaunts, Strahan’s flight is likely to include about three minutes of weightlessness and a view of the curvature of the Earth. Strahan, who played for 15 years in the NFL with the New York Giants, reported on the first Blue Origin flight for “Good Morning America.”

“I want to go to space,” Strahan told “GMA.” “I think being there at the first launch, it really was mind-blowing.”

Damon co-writing book: Matt Damon has some big-name endorsers for a book he has out March 1 about access to safe water.

Former President Bill Clinton and Nobel Peace Prize-winner Muhammad Yunus are among those providing blurbs for “The Worth of Water,” which the actor worked on with civil and environmental engineer Gary White.

“We’re excited to have written this book together, and we can’t wait to share the story of what happens when a movie actor and a civil engineer team up to try and take on the global



Michael Strahan will be aboard a Blue Origin flight headed to space on Dec. 9. **THEARON W. HENDERSON/GETTY 2020**

water crisis,” Damon and White said in a statement Tuesday.

Spacey ordered to pay for show losses: Kevin Spacey and his production companies must pay the studio behind “House of Cards” more than \$30 million because of losses brought on by his firing for sexual misconduct, according to an arbitration decision made final Monday.

A document filed in Los Angeles Superior Court requesting a judge’s approval of the ruling says that the arbitrators found that Spacey violated his contract’s demands for professional behavior by “engaging certain conduct in connection with several crew members in each of the five seasons that he starred in and executive produced House of Cards.”

MRC, the studio behind “House of Cards,” had to halt production of the show’s sixth season, rewrite it and shorten it from 13 to eight episodes to meet deadlines, resulting in tens of millions in losses, the document said.

His attorneys argued

that Spacey’s actions were not a substantial factor in the show’s losses.

Writer Aykroyd dies: Peter Aykroyd, 66, an Emmy-nominated actor and writer on “Saturday Night Live” for the 1979-80 season who later worked with older brother, Dan, on everything from a TV show about the paranormal to such films as “Dragnet” and “Coneheads,” has died. In a statement Monday, Dan Aykroyd cited the medical examiner in Spokane, Washington, and said his brother “succumbed to septicemia from an internal infection precipitated by an untreated abdominal hernia.”

Nov. 24 birthdays: Drummer Pete Best is 80. Actor Billy Connolly is 79. Actor Dwight Schultz is 74. Musician Terry Lewis is 65. Actor Denise Crosby is 64. Actor Conleth Hall is 57. Comedian Brad Sherwood is 57. Actor Lola Glaudini is 50. Actor Colin Hanks is 44. Actor Katherine Heigl is 43. Actor Sarah Hyland is 31.



ASK AMY

By Amy Dickinson

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Drunken stepdaughter makes tragedy worse

Dear Amy: My husband died recently after being hit by a car while out on a walk. He left behind two children from two marriages.

My stepdaughter “Belle” is 34. My son “Hank” is 24 and on the autism spectrum. He lives at home and takes classes.

Belle is an aspiring actress who tends bar.

Belle’s mom, “Jodie” and I are very friendly.

My husband was only in the hospital for two days. To their credit, Belle and Jodie drove for hours to see him. At the hospital, Belle was drunk and hysterical. This made a terrible situation worse.

At one point, Jodie told me that Belle had slapped and pushed her to wrestle the car keys from her.

Hank and I were dealing with this stupid drama while my husband took his last breaths.

Hank has decided that his sister is “dangerous” and wants nothing to do with her. He said, “If she hits her mom, she might hit us!”

I told Belle and Jodie via text that the drinking was unacceptable.

Jodie messaged me privately, saying that I was rude and “kicking Belle when she was down.”

If this was a one-off, I might be inclined to back down. However, Belle’s young adulthood has been a series of fender benders and public intoxication citations.

I told Belle that she needed to get into therapy or rehab in order to stay in touch with Hank and me. Jodie is blasting me, stating that Belle has promised not to drink anymore and that my hard stance is

unnecessary.

I told Jodie and Belle that I do not think you can “hug it out” when someone is an alcoholic. Thoughts? — *Sad Mom*

Dear Sad: I’m so sorry about all you’ve been through.

You communicated your stance: “Get help or keep your distance” directly to your stepdaughter, “Belle.” Her mother “Jodie” responded.

Jodie is also telling you how to feel and how to respond to a situation that has a direct impact on you.

Jodie is hampering her adult daughter’s chances for recovery by enabling and covering for her now.

I have a tiny quibble with your statement that you can’t “hug it out” when someone is an alcoholic, however.

Hugging it out is actually all you can do. The rest is up to the alcoholic.

From here on out, you should convey: “Belle, I care about you. I hope you get the help you need to attain the sobriety you deserve to have. Your life will change so much when you do. Until then, absolutely no drinking when you are with us.”

Dear Amy: I had to respond to your answer to “Stuck,” who had a group of anti-vax/anti-maskers, as well as a vaccinated but “paranoid” family member to worry about at Thanksgiving.

I am an RN working in a COVID ICU. Even though the majority of patients I see in the ICU with COVID are unvaccinated, I do see some vaccinated ones. They could be elderly, overweight or have poor

immune systems, etc.

But they can still get COVID-19 and studies show a higher risk from getting COVID-19 from an unvaccinated carrier.

We sadly lost a 30-year-old patient today.

He was vaccinated but had another health risk.

The suffering I see daily is heartbreaking.

— *Exhausted, Tired, Frustrated, Angry, Sad Nurse*

Dear Nurse: Thank you so much for the work you do, and for offering your front-line perspective on this extremely challenging topic. I genuinely appreciate it and assume that many families will be using this as their guide this year.

Dear Amy: While I thought your response to “Troubled Daughter” was spot on, you might have suggested she work with a therapist.

While I suffered nowhere near the abuse she has, I did have to have some difficult conversations with a family member.

My wonderful therapist helped to formulate a dialogue that worked for me, and we also role-played possible reactions from the family.

It was incredibly empowering to know what to say and how to respond.

— *Grateful*

Dear Grateful: I completely agree. Rehearsing difficult conversations makes them much easier to have.

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Magic still resonates for two actors in ‘It’s a Wonderful Life’

By Rodney Ho

Atlanta Journal-Constitution

“It’s a Wonderful Life,” Frank Capra’s story about redemption and a life fulfilled, bombed at the box office when it was released in early 1947.

For decades, “It’s a Wonderful Life” was largely forgotten until 1974 when Republic Pictures failed to renew its copyright protection. The film lapsed into the public domain, meaning anyone could show the film without obtaining permission or paying royalties. Its ubiquity on broadcast TV fueled its popularity and gave the film a second life.

Since 1994, NBC has had exclusive broadcast rights to the film after Republic Pictures proved it owned the original story and the music.

Now it’s hard to imagine American life without the film. It was ranked No. 20 of the 100 greatest films in 2007 by the American Film Institute. Capra and stars Donna Reed and Jimmy Stewart in interviews said it was their favorite film they ever worked on.

It’s also a treasure that keeps on giving for living cast members Jimmy Hawkins, who played 4-year-old Tommy Bailey, and Karolyn Grimes, who played 6-year-old Zuzu Bailey and uttered the famous line, “Look, Daddy. Teacher says, ‘Every time a bell rings, an angel gets his wings.’”

The movie, though, was just a footnote in their lives until the late 1970s. “I started hearing more about it then,” said Hawkins. “People were holding trivia parties. I thought, ‘Wow! This suddenly got big!’ ” He remained an actor in the 1950s and ’60s and worked with Reed on “The Donna Reed Show” from 1958 to 1966.

Grimes got out of show



Karolyn Grimes is held by Jimmy Stewart, center, while Jimmy Hawkins has his hands on his face in “It’s a Wonderful Life.” **AP**



Grimes



Hawkins

business in her teens after her mother died from early-onset Alzheimer’s disease and her father was killed in a car accident. She didn’t even see “It’s a Wonderful Life” until she was 40 years old.

“I was enthralled with the messages from that movie when I first saw it,” Grimes said. “I knew then why it was very special, and I could understand why I started getting fan mail and people wanted to have interviews with me.”

In 1980, she had no idea how journalists tracked her down because her name had changed, and there was no Google. But the publicity enabled her to reunite with Stewart and Reed, and Grimes became an unofficial ambassador of the movie.

Over the past four decades, she has attended countless screenings, benefits and conventions. She helped create a museum for the film and returns each December to Seneca Falls, New York, the model for the movie’s small-town Bedford Falls,

for the “It’s a Wonderful Life” Festival.

For Grimes, the film’s message is timeless: “How each person’s life touches another, and we’re given an opportunity to make a difference. That’s so important.”

Hawkins said people have come up to both of them and said watching the film kept them from killing themselves. And even at age 79, he said he feels like he’s 4 all over again when he thinks about the movie. “When people ask us questions about being on the set, you click back into it,” Hawkins said. “It’s so vivid. It seems like a million years ago or just yesterday.”

The movie itself is pretty dark on multiple levels, and Grimes thinks people, coming out of World War II, weren’t quite ready for it yet. Stewart himself wasn’t sure he wanted to even act again after flying naval planes over Germany but, as Hawkins said, actor Lionel Barrymore, who plays the miserly Mr. Potter in the film, convinced Stewart to do it.

“The film is like the cream in the coffee,” Hawkins said. “It just rises to the top.”

Where to watch: Dec. 4 and 24 on NBC; 75th anniversary Blu-ray DVD now available

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Aries (March 21-April 19): There’s more to life than reaching the top of the ladder. Cultivating a happy home can bring a welcome balance today. Pass up on the matching furniture and understated artwork and let your personal style shine.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): You yearn to explore new experiences. Travel or financial restrictions could be keeping you close to home. Resist the temptation to dwell on your disappointment. Make it your mission to bloom where you’re planted. Set tedious tasks aside. Your luck could absolutely change.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): Interpersonal ties are everything. It’s a good thing Geminis tend to welcome collaboration because two heads are probably better than one in virtually every area of life now! Working alongside someone who has bold visions and an optimistic attitude might be very beneficial to you.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): You have the sense that someone has it out for you. While your suspicions may be correct, how much this person affects you is still up to you. Put your energy into making your own talents shine. Your smart ideas and loyal work should bring you all of the abundance you deserve.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Associated Press

On Nov. 24, 1859, Charles Darwin published “On the Origin of Species.”

In 1947, the “Hollywood Ten” was cited for contempt of Congress for refusing to answer

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): This is a great time to put your creativity and glowing personality on display! Your ability to express yourself in an upbeat way can draw a lot of people into your life, and you never know where these connections will lead. Showing off your work could draw interest. .

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Your schedule might feel quite busy today. Still, a detail-oriented Virgo like you will probably find any challenges stimulating! Think of maximizing your time like it’s the solution to a puzzle. You might also find it easiest to work alone. In the end, you’ll have earned relaxation.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Anger or resentment may be stirring right now. Rather than letting your frustration get the best of you, let it inspire you to move on to something better. The sheer act of leaving behind a toxic situation will probably bring you great relief. The opportunity to feel positive again will be well worth it.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Keeping your eyes on the prize might not be easy. It can be challenging to imagine a future when your surroundings seem grim. At times like these, it pays to dive into your imagination. Let your intuition lead you to the path with the best chance of success and don’t look back! .

questions about alleged Communist influence in the movie industry.

In 1963, Jack Ruby shot and mortally wounded Lee Harvey Oswald in a scene captured on live television.

In 1971, a hijacker who became known as “D.B. Cooper” parachuted from a 727 after receiving \$200,000 in ransom; his fate remains unknown.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You may be brimming with brilliant ideas, eager to share them with anyone who will listen! Fortunately, people should be receptive to what you have to say thanks to your enthusiasm and possibly your impressive track record. Some visionaries are all talk, but not you!

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Issues of power and control have been plaguing you. You might be tired of defending your actions to people who put down your efforts. This may be a good time to work toward your goals on your own rather than discussing plans with people who keep trying to hold you back

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You’ll probably need extra energy to deal with a large group of people today. Do what you can to stay alert and focused, as a passing remark can lead to a productive conversation. You could connect with someone with similar ideas as you, and you might really get each other going with your inspiring visions.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): Career matters may improve starting today. You can make an impression on everyone you meet thanks to your upbeat attitude. Think of every interaction as an opportunity to open a new door. Start reaching out and reconnecting. Who you know can make a real difference.

In 1974, the bone fragments of a 3.2 million-year-old hominid were discovered; the remains were nicknamed “Lucy.”

In 1991, Freddie Mercury died in London at age 45.

In 2014, it was announced that a grand jury had decided against indicting Ferguson police officer Darren Wilson in the death of Michael Brown.

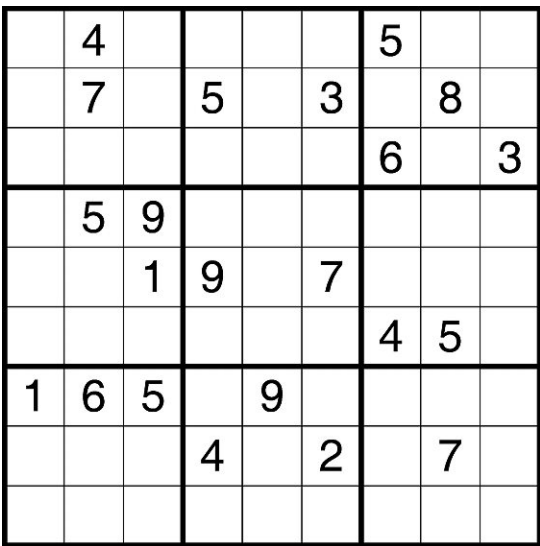
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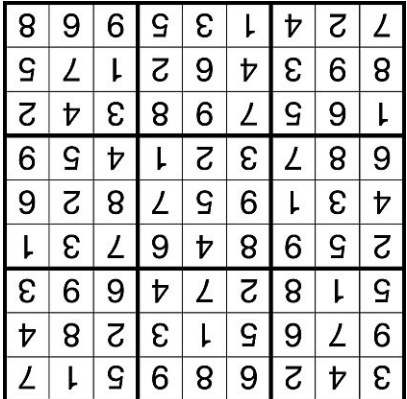
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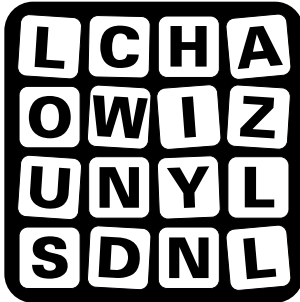
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BOGGLE



By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



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INSTRUCTIONS: Find as many words as you can by linking letters up, down, side-to-side and diagonally, writing words on a blank sheet of paper. You may only use each letter box once within a single word. Play with a friend and compare word finds, crossing out common words.

BOGGLE POINT SCALE

- 3 letters = 1 point
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- 5 letters = 3 points
- 6 letters = 4 points
- 7 letters = 5 points
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- 9 letters = 10 points
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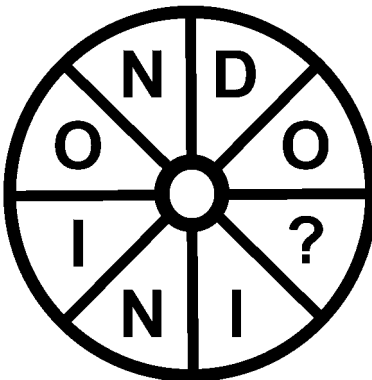
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We put special brain-busting words into the grid of letters. Can you find them?

Find at least FIVE WEATHER ADJECTIVES ENDING WITH "Y" in the grid of letters.

Hazy Sunny Windy Cloudy Chilly

WordWheel

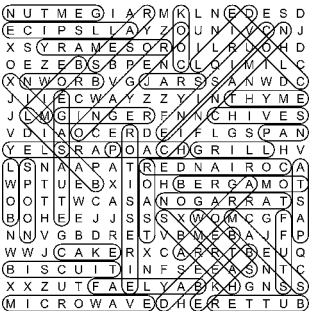


Insert the missing letter to complete an eight-letter word reading clockwise or counterclockwise.

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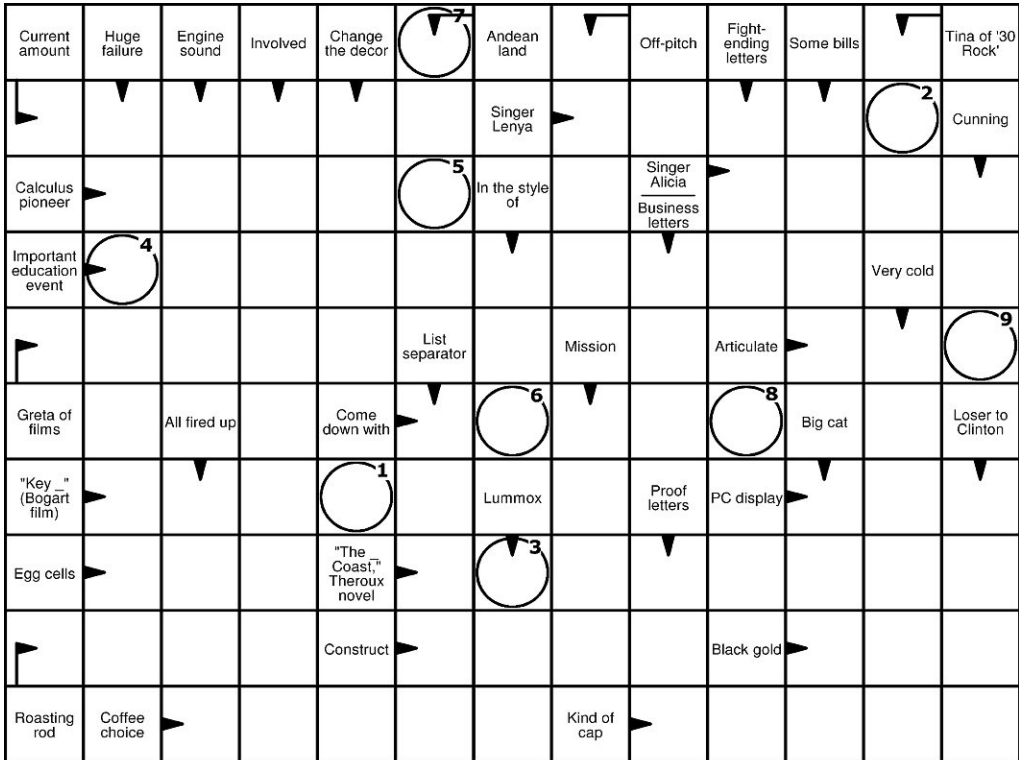
spice up the kitchen



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ARROW WORDS

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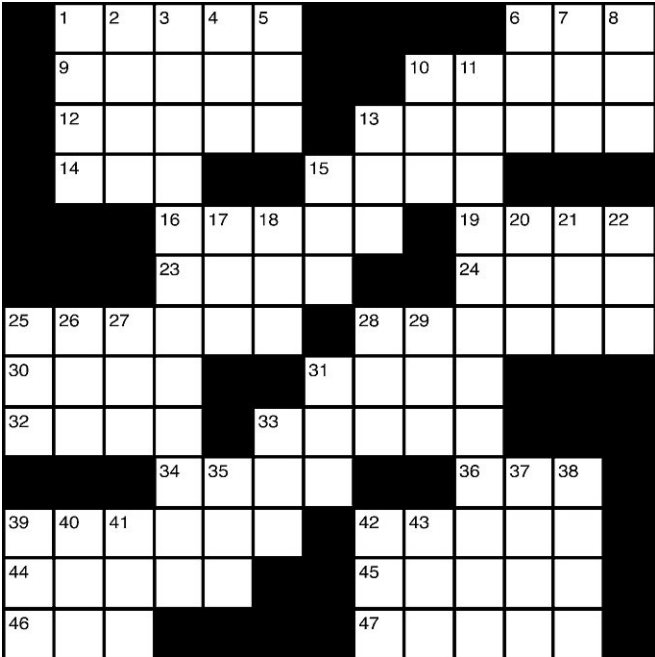
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TV CROSSWORD

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ACROSS

- Mrs. Fred Flintstone
- Night we watch "NCIS: New Orleans": abbr.
- "Once and ___"; Sela Ward series
- In the know
- Circular
- Role on "Seinfeld"
- Boxer Robinson's monogram
- Skating rink shape
- Miss ___; role on "Dallas"
- "The A-"
- Flynn of "The Middle"
- Late columnist ___ Bombeck
- "___ Howser, M.D."
- "___ Bueller's Day Off"
- Robert of "The Sopranos"
- Woody's folksinger son
- Waitress on "Alice"
- "___ Ev'ry Mountain"; song from "The Sound of Music"
- Monty or Arsenio
- "___ Doll"; hit song for the Four Seasons
- Outback maker
- "The ___ Is Right"

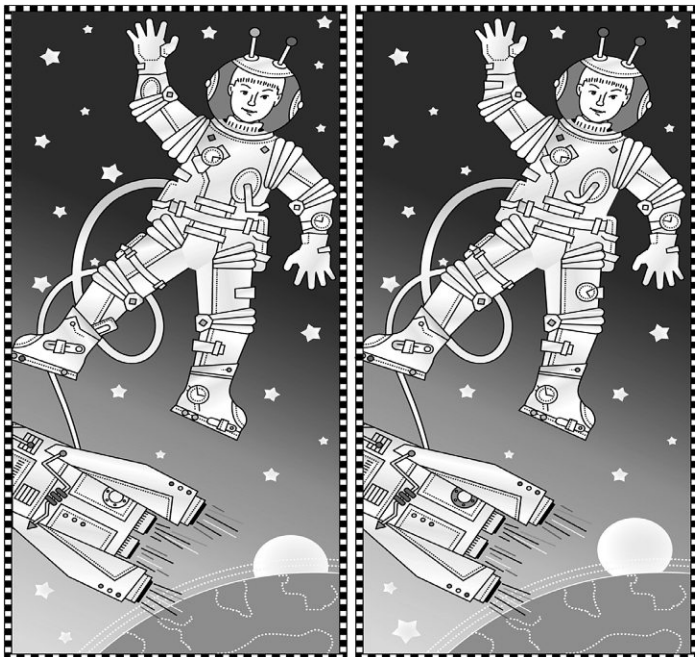
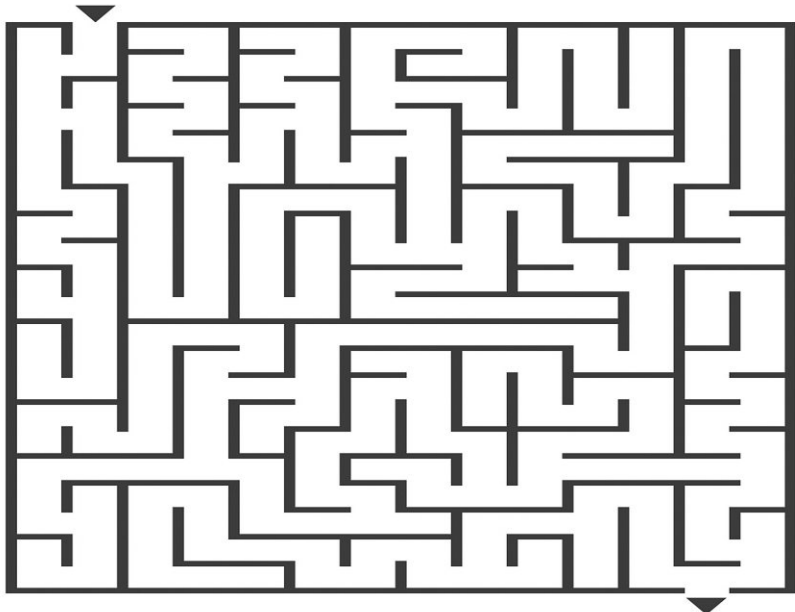


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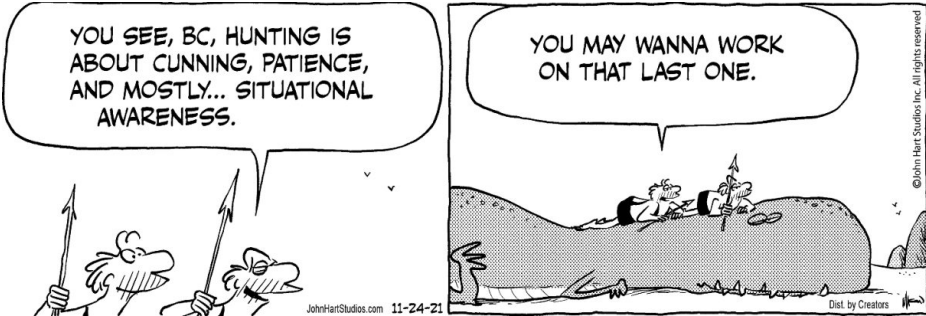


Find ten differences.

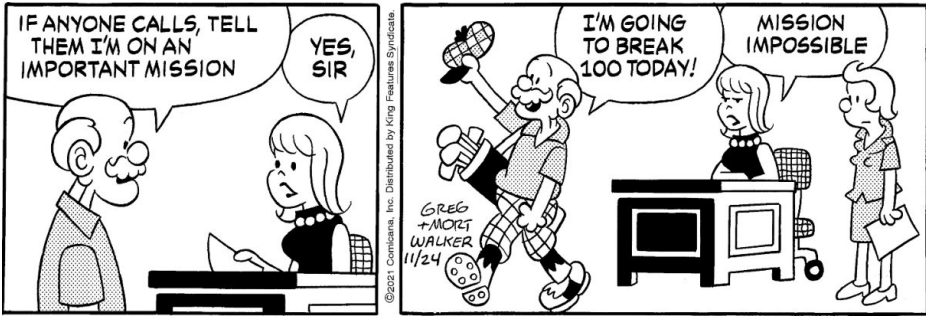
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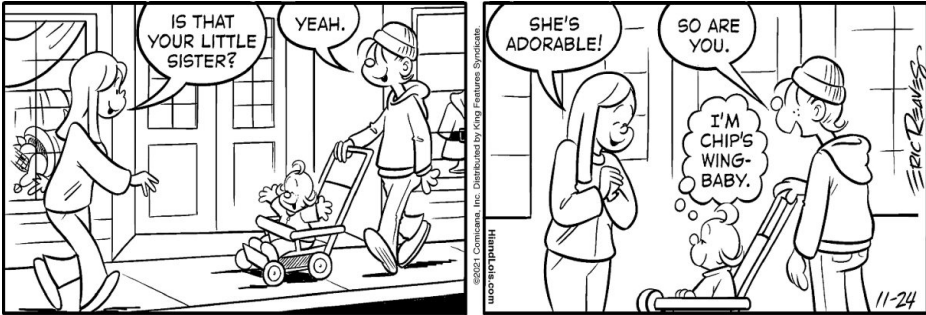
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Beetle Bailey by Mort, Greg & Brian Walker



Hi & Lois By Greg and Brian Walker and Chance Browne



Hagar The Horrible By Chris Browne



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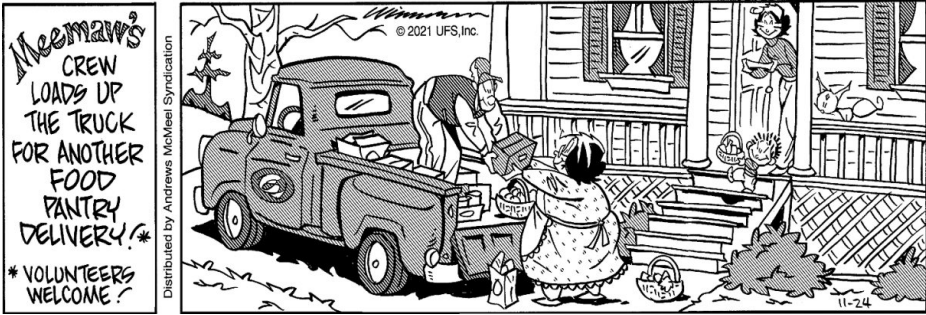
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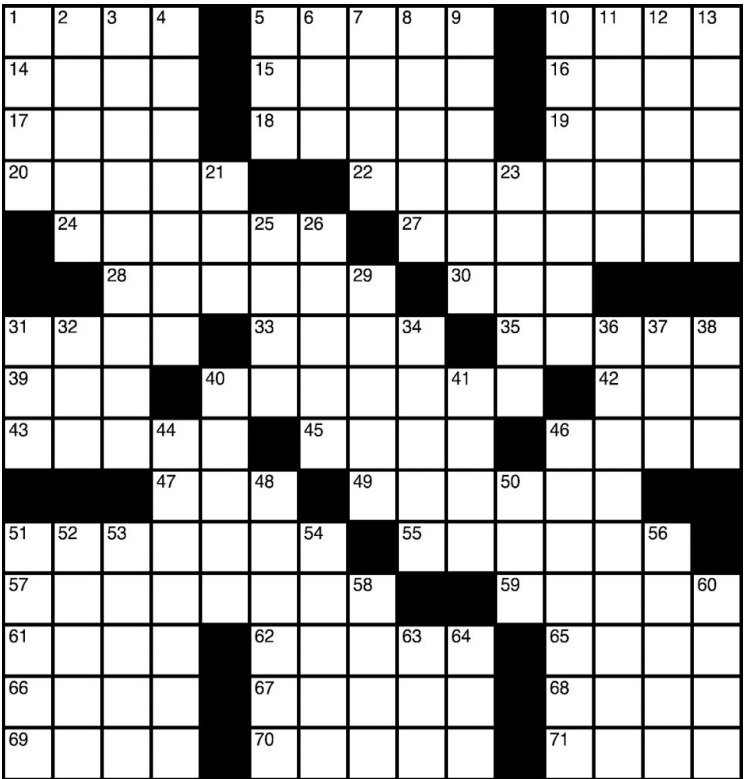
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CROSSWORD

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- Across
- 1 Little __ Muffet
 - 5 Roger Bannister, famously
 - 10 Speaker in Cooperstown
 - 14 Elvis or Coca-Cola
 - 15 "The L Word" co-creator Chaiken
 - 16 Whisper
 - 17 Interstate hauler
 - 18 Ad prizes
 - 19 Dramatic opener
 - 20 Adagio and allegro
 - 22 Leave the city to evade arrest
 - 24 Like some tanks
 - 27 Where the old woman lived
 - 28 Permits to enter
 - 30 Title of respect
 - 31 Exec, slangily
 - 33 Schoolmarmish
 - 35 List to-dos
 - 39 Intense anger
 - 40 It has just one 64-Down
 - 42 Shapiro of NPR
 - 43 Delivery, as of a baby
 - 45 Inter __
 - 46 Recipe word
 - 47 Relieved (of)
 - 49 Comes to light
 - 51 Secret fraternity member
 - 55 Party or wild follower
 - 57 Bit of encouragement
 - 59 Vinyl-covered, as a floor
 - 61 Worldwide: Abbr.
 - 62 Absinthe flavor
 - 65 Half a round on the links
 - 66 Ohio's lake
 - 67 R&B family name
 - 68 Budget sister company
 - 69 Runs out of juice
 - 70 "It's true!"
 - 71 Guido of Baroque art fame
 - 11 Japanese electronics company
 - 12 Cut down the middle
 - 13 "Goosebumps" series author
 - 21 Gomez's furry cousin
 - 23 French capital
 - 25 Road trip game
 - 26 Approximately
 - 29 Nabisco brand name
 - 31 Gem, to Scout Finch
 - 32 Psychic Geller
 - 34 Ballerina Shearer
 - 36 Completely dominates
 - 37 Med. injury detector
 - 38 Title for two Beatles
 - 40 The good dishes
 - 41 Discomfort cause
 - 44 Makes four into twelve, say
 - 46 Advanced course offering
 - 48 Hold for questions
 - 50 Take care of a kitty
 - 51 Went down a slippery slope
 - 52 Matisse of the art world
 - 53 Knot again
 - 54 Old-time laundry soap brand
 - 56 Red Square figure
 - 58 Place for singles
 - 60 He loved Lucille
 - 63 Cinque e uno
 - 64 Watcher ... and homophone of a letter that appears exactly once in every clue and all but two answers



By Dave Taber and Laura Moll Tribune Content Agency 11/24/21

BRIDGE

BY STEVE BECKER

South dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.
NORTH
♠ J 4
♥ 9 4
♦ A Q J 9 2
♣ Q J 10 6

WEST
♠ 9 5 3 2
♥ 10 8 7 3
♦ 7 3
♣ 8 5 3

EAST
♠ K Q 10 8
♥ A J 6 5
♦ K 4
♣ 7 4 2

SOUTH
♠ A 7 6
♥ K Q 2
♦ 10 8 6 5
♣ A K 9

The bidding:
South West North East
1 NT Pass 3 NT
Opening lead — three of hearts.

The art of deception

There are times when a player can accomplish by guile what he cannot accomplish by routine play. For a good example of how an imaginative declarer can sometimes outwit the defense, consider this deal where West led the three of hearts against three notrump.

East won the opening lead with the ace, on which South dropped his queen! It is hard to fault East for thinking that his partner had led a heart from the 10-8-7-3-2 and that declarer had the K-Q alone. (South, however, was in good position to judge that West had only four hearts, since the three was presumably West's fourth-best heart, and South had the deuce in his hand.)

East therefore returned the jack of hearts at trick two, won by declarer with the king. South then lost a diamond finesse to East's king, but the best East could do at this point was to return a heart and hold declarer to nine tricks.

Now let's go back to trick one and have the declarer play the deuce of hearts on East's ace. In that case, if we assume East is a competent defender, he would shift to the king of spades at trick two and eventually defeat the contract, scoring three spades, a heart and a diamond.

And just how would East know he should shift to a spade? Because, given the 24 points in high cards he could see in his own hand and dummy, he would know that South was sure to have the K-Q of hearts as part of his 15- to 17-point one-notrump opening.

East's only real chance, therefore, would be to shift his attack to spades at trick two in the hope of establishing three tricks in the suit. In the actual case, declarer would be unable to prevail against this defense, and sooner or later he would go down one.

Tomorrow: It's easy when you know how.

JUMBLE

BY DAVID HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

ZRROA

NOEUC

MTOOTA

EPRILP

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

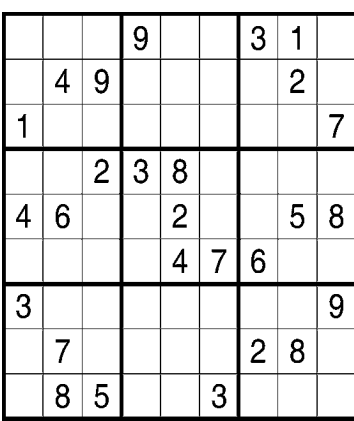
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(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: SLANT GLAND TUSSE INJECT Answer: Would the author be reading from her novel at the library? Yes, according to the — TELLTALE SIGN

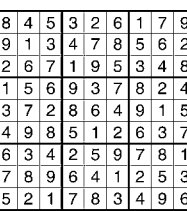


TODAY'S SUDOKU

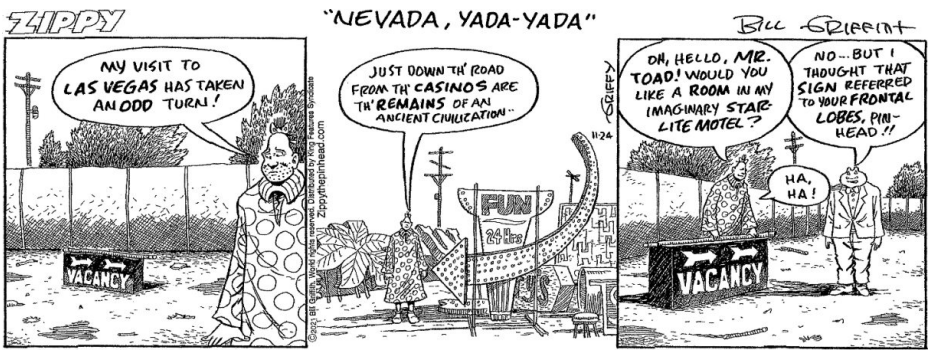


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FACT #84: A cardigan worn by a man is sometimes called a mandigan.

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FACT #238: Actress Marilyn Monroe colored her hair using a shade of blond called dirty pillow slip.



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FOOTBALL

The power of powder puff

Annual Sheehan-Lyman Hall game still draws attention in 50th year

By Lori Riley
Hartford Courant

Sheehan High physical education teacher Judy Samaha coached softball and field hockey at cross-town rival Lyman Hall in Wallingford. But she wanted to get more girls involved in sports, and she wanted them to get attention for playing a sport.

The year was 1972. Title IX had

been signed into law that summer.

Football always drew people's attention so Samaha decided she would organize a powder puff football game between the two Wallingford schools, in which the girls would play a flag football game the day before the traditional Thanksgiving Day boys football game, and the boys would be the cheerleaders. Only the senior girls were allowed to play, and there were athletes and non-athletes alike. The game began to draw more attention than the boys game, with 3,000 spectators on average, and sometimes as many as 5,000.

Inside

A look at the top Thanksgiving week high school football games. **Page 6**

Wednesday will mark the 50th game of the rivalry between the two schools, after a week of festivities, including an alumni cocktail party and an alumni game on Saturday that drew 200 players, some dating back to the 1972 game. The game, which is the longest running powder puff contest in the country, will take place at Sheehan at 2 p.m.

Turn to Powder puff, Page 4



Lyman Hall players at the annual powder puff football game between Lyman Hall and Sheehan in Wallingford in 1988. Lyman Hall won, 7-2. **COURTESY**

RUNNING

Back on the Road

No event in 2020 left many unsettled, but this Thanksgiving Day, the race returns

By Lori Riley
Hartford Courant

Jim Balcome has been the Manchester Road Race director since 1978. So when he got up on Thanksgiving morning last year, the pull of the race was strong even though it was canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

"My wife said to me at 9 o'clock, 'Are you going?' " Balcome said. "I said, 'I am. I have to.' It's like a compulsion."

It was raining hard. Balcome drove over to the start/finish line on Main Street and sat in his car by himself. At 10 a.m., he said the words he says every year at the race to 10,000 people: "This is Thanksgiving in Manchester."

He saw about 40 or 50 people running the 4.748-mile course unofficially. Race officials had asked people not to gather on the course on Thanksgiving Day because the COVID-19 numbers were starting to climb again. Instead, the race was run virtually, with runners sending in their times from all over the world. Olympians Molly Huddle and Mark Carroll participated, and local Olympic steeplechaser Donn Cabral won it.

This Thursday, for the 85th year, the traditional Thanksgiving Day race will return to streets of Manchester, starting on Main Street at 10 a.m.

"It's the adrenaline of seeing everyone," Manchester mayor Jay Moran said. "I like watching the public works set up the course early in the morning."

"I just love it. It's the community aspect, not only for Manchester people but you see people from the Hartford area. It's a tradition for so many people. So when you don't have a tradition, like last year, it's like coaching a sport — when it's over, you don't know what to do with yourself."

Dean Festa, a member of the "Plaiders," a group of runners who have come to the race for years wearing plaid jackets and singing Platters songs, got up last Thanksgiving and ran 4.748 miles from his house. He did not wear his plaid jacket.

"I guess depressing was the best word," said Festa, 68, of

Turn to Manchester, Page 4

85th Manchester Road Race
Thursday, 10 a.m., Main Street
Manchester

UCONN MEN'S BASKETBALL



Arizona State head coach Bobby Hurley shouts instructions against Washington on Feb. 25 in Tempe, Ariz. **RICK SCUTERI/AP**

SIBLING RIVALRY

Battle 4 Atlantis tournament could end in Hurley-vs.-Hurley matchup



UConn head coach Dan Hurley directs his team against Binghamton on Saturday in Hartford. **STEPHEN DUNN/AP**

Up next
No. 22 UConn vs. No. 19 Auburn
2:30 p.m., ESPN

■ More on the game, **Page 4**

By Alexa Philippou
Hartford Courant

PARADISE ISLAND, Bahamas — With eight men's and women's college basketball teams gathering at Atlantis Bahamas on Paradise Island this week, there's no predicting who you'll randomly see traversing from one hotel to another on the way to a meal or heading back from a go on the water slide.

And so it was both serendipitous and perfectly fitting that, on his first full day in the Bahamas Tuesday, UConn men's basketball coach Dan Hurley ran into his older brother, Bobby, head coach of Arizona State, walking through the casino that connects two hotels.

The brothers are slammed trying to prep their teams for the grueling Thanksgiving tournament ahead, of which UConn and ASU are both part, but were hoping to catch up later in the day before all the basketball craziness officially kicks off Wednesday.

"The best part is we're just completely not even thinking about each other's team, which is good,

because they're completely on the other side of the bracket," Dan said.

The Hurleys, New Jersey legends and sons of Naismith Hall of Fame high school coach Bob Hurley Sr., previously faced off each other as college players in the Sweet 16 of the 1992 NCAA Tournament. Bobby's Duke (where he was an All-American point guard) took down Dan's Seton Hall, 81-69. Thanks to Christian Laettner's famous buzzer-beater in overtime against Kentucky the following game, the Blue Devils went on to win the national championship.

While their playing careers diverged (Bobby went on to be drafted into the NBA), their coaching paths intertwined when Dan offered Bobby a position on his staffs at Wagner and later Rhode Island. But the Battle 4 Atlantis tournament is the closest the Hurley brothers have gotten to squaring off against each other from the sidelines. There are no guarantees with the teams on opposite sides of the bracket, so could only meet in certain scenarios, including the

Turn to UConn, Page 4

GIANTS

Offensive coordinator Garrett fired as season spirals

By Pat Leonard
New York Daily News

EAST RUTHERFORD N.J. — Jason Garrett is out as Giants offensive coordinator, fired on Tuesday just 26 games into a disappointingly low-scoring experiment coaching Daniel Jones.

Head coach Joe Judge fired Garrett the day after a 30-10 Monday night loss at Tampa Bay because the offense's inability to score points is costing the Giants (3-7) another season.

"I have a lot of respect for Jason as a person and as a coach," Judge said in a late-afternoon conference call. "He's

been a tremendous asset to me as a young head coach. The offense's job is to score points. I don't believe we're scoring enough points, and it's my job as the head coach to make sure I give our players an opportunity to make more plays."

Turn to Giants, Page 2

Inside

Patriots:
Could Jonnu Smith's awaited Patriots breakout come at his old team's expense? **Page 2**

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Patriots: Titans, Sunday, 1 p.m.
Giants: Eagles, Sunday, 1 p.m.
Jets: at Texans, Sunday, 1 p.m.
UConn MBB: vs. Auburn (Battle 4 Atlantis, Bahamas), Wednesday, 2:30 p.m.; vs. TBA (Battle 4 Atlantis, Bahamas), Thursday, time TBA; vs. TBA (Battle 4 Atlantis, Bahamas), Friday, time TBA
UConn WBB: at Seton Hall, Dec. 3, 7 p.m.; Notre Dame (Gampel), Dec. 5, noon; at Georgia Tech, Dec. 9, 7 p.m.
Celtics: Nets, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.; at Spurs, Friday, 8:30 p.m.; at Raptors, Sunday, 6 p.m.
Knicks: Suns, Friday, 7 p.m.; at Hawks, Saturday, 7:30 p.m.; at Nets, Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.
Nets: at Celtics, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.; Suns, Saturday, 7:30 p.m.; Knicks, Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.
UConn hockey: Colgate, Saturday, 4 p.m.; at Merrimack, Dec. 3, 7 p.m.; Merrimack, Dec. 4, 3 p.m.
Bruins: at Sabres, Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Rangers, Friday, 1 p.m.; Canucks, Sunday, 7 p.m.
Rangers: at Islanders, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.; at Bruins, Friday, 1 p.m.; Islanders, Sunday, 6 p.m.
Wolf Pack: Springfield, Friday, 7 p.m.; at Springfield, Saturday, 2 p.m.; Springfield, Dec. 1, 7 p.m.

TV/RADIO BASKETBALL

12 p.m.: Battle 4 Atlantis - Loyola-Chicago at Michigan State. (Live) ESPN
2:30 p.m.: Battle 4 Atlantis - Connecticut at Auburn. (Live) ESPN
2:30 p.m.: Maui Invitational, 3rd Place Game. (Live) ESPN2
5 p.m.: Battle 4 Atlantis - VCU at Syracuse. (Live) ESPN2
6 p.m.: Cancun Challenge, Riviera Division Consolation: Teams TBA. (Live) CBSSN
7 p.m.: Boston University at Florida State. (Live) ACC
7 p.m.: Xavier at Iowa State. (Live) ESPN
7:30 p.m.: Nets at Celtics. (Live) ESPN, NBCSB, YES
7:30 p.m.: Battle 4 Atlantis - Baylor at Arizona State. (Live) ESPN2
8:30 p.m.: Cancun Challenge, Riviera Division Championship. (Live) CBSSN
9 p.m.: Vanderbilt at Pittsburgh. (Live) ACC
9 p.m.: Maui Invitational, 7th Place Game. (Live) ESPN
9:30 p.m.: Memphis at Virginia Tech. (Live) ESPN2
10:05 p.m.: 76ers at Warriors. (Live) ESPN
10:30 p.m.: Pepperdine at TCU. (Live) CBSSN
11:30 p.m.: Maui Invitational, 5th Place Game. (Live) ESPN2
HOCKEY
7 p.m.: Bruins at Sabres. (Live), NESN.
7 p.m.: Canadiens at Capitals. (Live) SPRTNET
7 p.m.: Canucks at Penguins. (Live) NHL
7:30 p.m.: Rangers at Islanders. (Live), MSG
10 p.m.: Maple Leafs at Kings. (Live) TNT



Patriots tight end Jonnu Smith wasn't disgruntled when he left Tennessee in free agency after four seasons. He was simply looking for a place to in his words, "start a new chapter" and make "a fresh start on the journey." WINSLOW TOWNSON/AP

PATRIOTS

'He's locked in'

Could Jonnu Smith's awaited breakout come at his old team's expense?

By Andrew Callahan
Boston Herald

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — Last month, Jonnu Smith's teammates shouted from the Gillette Stadium rooftop his slow start was about to end.

He's going to come on, Hunter Henry said.

His breakout game is coming, Kendrick Bourne predicted.

Here's what happened next: one reception for nine yards in a painful loss to Dallas.

Since then, Smith has made six catches in four games, excluding one contest he missed with a hurt shoulder. The third-highest-paid tight end in football is producing like a fringe backup. Consequently, the Patriots have begun treating him like a run-blocker, asking Smith to lock horns with defenders on 62% of his snaps during their ongoing 5-game win streak.

Smith's role as a receiver has dwined

led to the point he's tracking for fewer receptions, receiving yards and touchdowns than he had last season in Tennessee, despite now playing a 17-game schedule. What does he make of his struggles?

"It is what it is right now. I'm just thankful to be in the position that I am. That's always been the player I've been," Smith said Tuesday. "I don't necessarily worry about the role. I'm not going to worry about the role. As players, we don't sit here and say this what we're going to do this week. That's the coaches' job.

"It's our job to go out and execute it. So that's all I can worry about."

If Smith's breakout finally arrives Sunday, his inside information on the Titans may pave his way. Smith spent the first four seasons of his career in Tennessee, where he developed from raw weapon into an all-around player. The Patriots visited with him before the 2017 draft, but failed to the pull the trigger before the Titans selected him in the third round.

Four years later, they inked Smith to a 4-year, \$50 million contract in free agency. His coaches insist they haven't seen any change behind the scenes amid his ongoing receiving drought.

"He's locked in, he's unselfish. And he comes to work every single day ready to go," Caley said. "So I've never noticed one thing that you know from his preparation from his attitude, anything like that. I've been pleased with everything and we just got to continue to get better and improve some things."

Smith must elevate his game to crack the Titans' defense, the NFL's sixth-best at defending tight ends, per Football Outsiders' opponent-and-situation-adjusted metric DVOA. Reflecting on his time in Tennessee, Smith describe those four years as some of the greatest of his life. He said he has "all love" for the organization, though surely the 26-year-old would love for the greatest four quarters of his Patriots career so far to come at his old team's expense Sunday.

JETS

Wilson returning as starting QB

By DJ Bien-Aime II
New York Daily News

FLORHAM PARK, N.J. — Zach Wilson will be back under center for the Jets against the Texans after missing the last four games, per sources.

The return of the rookie quarterback comes on the same day that half of Gang Green's QB room landed on the COVID-19 list.

But the two aren't connected, sources say.

Mike White tested positive for COVID-19 and it is unknown if he's vaccinated. Joe Flacco was deemed a close contact and is unvaccinated. Flacco has to continue testing for five days and then can return to the facility if he remains negative, per league COVID-19 protocols.

Wilson is healthy and was going to be the starter on Sunday all along, according to sources.

Wilson suffered a sprained PCL against the Patriots and missed four games. He was replaced by White, who did a decent job.

White played well enough to give pause on who would start once Wilson was healthy. White threw five touchdowns in his first eight quarters with a 405-yard performance against the Bengals in an upset win.

But White struggled tremendously against the Bills, as he tossed four interceptions and the Jets got flatlined 45-17.

Then Gang Green started Flacco, who they traded for on Oct. 25, against the Miami Dolphins in Week 11. Saleh believed Flacco would be better equipped to handle the Dolphins high blitzing scheme.

Flacco proved Saleh right, as he went 12-for-19 for 168 yards and two touchdowns against the blitz.

Wilson could have returned against the Bills. But Saleh didn't want to rush Wilson back when he started practicing two weeks ago.

"We're going to do everything to make sure we protect this young man," Saleh said on Monday. "So,

when he is fully healthy and he feels like there's no limitations in his ability to play football and he's not thinking about that knee, we'll get him out there. But he's got to be 100% healthy before we get him out on the football field."

Now Wilson is healthy and starting again.

Talent was never the issue with the former BYU star. But Gang Green believes that sitting on the sidelines had a positive effect on the No. 2 overall pick, improving his mental acumen as he watched.

They hope he learned how to run the offense better and cut down on the mistakes that popped up often in his five starts. He had 1,168 yards with four touchdowns and nine interceptions with a passer rating of 63.5, all ranked towards the bottom of the league.

But: No need to panic. Those are typical rookie struggles.

Some of Wilson's struggles stem from adjusting to the speed of NFL defenses

and altering his play style. He is a gunslinger that was learning when to take shots and that got him into trouble at times. He held the ball the longest among quarterbacks at 3.10 seconds on average.

When Wilson held the ball longer than 2.5 seconds, he had three touchdowns and nine interceptions with a passer rating of 50. Some of that was to push the ball down the field, which is why his intended air yards per attempt was 8.8, seventh most according to Next Gen Stats. There were times when he could have thrown to the checkdown, but looked for the big play.

That's where White and Wilson differed. White played within the offensive structure on a more consistent basis. When the first read wasn't there, he would hit his checkdown; that's why receiving production from running backs Michael Carter and Ty Johnson increased. Similarly, White's intended air yards per attempt was a more modest 6.2.

Giants

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Garrett's firing first was reported by the Daily News. He lasted nine-plus years as the Dallas Cowboys' head coach but couldn't finish two seasons as Judge's OC in New York.

He leaves the Giants ranked 25th in points per game (18.9), 23rd in yards (322.8) and last in red zone efficiency (44%), with a league-low 42 offensive touchdowns since the start of 2020.

So ends the arranged marriage of sorts between Judge and Garrett, who had such strong support from the owning Mara family that he was scheduled to interview for the head coaching vacancy in January 2020 before Judge got the job.

"Today is certainly disappointing," Garrett said in a classy statement released through the Giants. "But I want to say how truly grateful I am to the Mara and the Tisch families for giving me the opportunity to coach for their New York Giants. They represent all that is good about the NFL."

Garrett also thanked the Giants' coaches, staff and players, wished them all the best, and acknowledged "the bottom-line results weren't what we wanted."

The Giants were 31st in both points (17.5) and yards (299.6) per game in 2020 before this season also sputtered despite more investments in offensive weapons like Kenny Golladay and Kadarius Toney.

"One of the things that motivated me to accept this position was the opportunity to help rebuild the Giants into a contending team," Garrett added. "We knew there would be many challenges. My expectations for our offense were much greater than what our results have been, and I accept full responsibility for that."

Judge said "everything's on the table" to formulate a new offense now, including Judge possibly calling some plays in games himself. Senior offensive assistant Freddie Kitchens is expected to take over primary play-calling duties beginning Sunday afternoon against the visiting Philadelphia Eagles (5-6).

Judge insisted the Giants will work "collaboratively" on each week's game plan, with Judge, Kitchens, quarterback coach Jerry Schupinski and wide receivers coach Tyke Tolbert among those involved.

But when Judge described Kitchens' strengths as an offensive mind, he painted a clear picture of what he's looking for that Garrett wasn't consistently providing.

"What I like about Freddie is Freddie has a very aggressive approach to the game," Judge said. "I think he's done a good job using his players and creating matchups and situations where they can have success.

"I think he calls it with a degree of multiples and variables which present problems for opponents," the head coach continued. "And he sees it through the lens of the player, in terms of creating plays for the player."

Anything to help Jones especially. The third-year quarterback regressed with two interceptions on Monday and now has a pathetic 11 total TDs and 10 turnovers in 10 games this season.

NBA LATE MONDAY

Tatum, Celtics send Rockets to 15th straight loss, 108-90

Associated Press

BOSTON — Jayson Tatum scored 30 points, Jaylen Brown had 19 in his return from missing eight games with an injury and the Boston Celtics coasted by Houston 108-90 on Monday night, sending the Rockets to their 15th straight loss.

Dennis Schroder added 18 points for Boston, which has won three straight and eight of 11. Al Horford had 11 points and 11 rebounds. It was Tatum's fourth straight game with 30 or more points.

"We love what the young guys have done and the other guys have done in those roles, but obviously we want to be whole," Boston coach Ime Udoka said. "It's good to get some continuity there to see where we're

going to be eventually when we get healthy?"

Armoni Brooks had 17 points for Houston (1-16). No starter reached double-digit scoring. The Rockets' only win came at home against Oklahoma City in their second game.

"We need everybody," Rockets coach Stephen Silas said. "We need all our starters, for sure. We need to be better."

Starting center Robert Williams III also returned for Boston after being out the last three games with a sore left knee. He had 15 rebounds and two points.

The Celtics (10-8) broke it open with a 17-0 run midway into the third quarter, holding the Rockets without a point for 6 minutes.

Brown, sidelined with a right hamstring injury,



Celtics forward Jayson Tatum shoots while defended by Rockets center Alperen Sengun on Monday in Boston. CHARLES KRUPA/AP

brought the fans to their feet by scoring 10 straight points.

He had a scoop shot in the lane after two free throws and capped his burst with consecutive 3s 24 seconds apart, the first in transition from the top and the second on the left wing. That made it 72-50 with 6:43 left in the third.

YANKEES

Shoring up rotation will cost big money

By Matthew Roberson
New York Daily News

NEW YORK — At this point in Major League Baseball's hot stove period, starting pitchers are hogging all the good burners.

The deals given to starting pitchers so far fall basically into two categories: shorter prove-it deals for the ones who had recent spats with injuries or plain old bad performance, and longer, possible overpays from teams that are desperate to fill their rotation and serious about competing.

Consider the Toronto Blue Jays, who gave Jose Berrios the biggest contract of the offseason so far. Berrios only had to wait until Nov. 16 to finalize his extension with the Blue Jays, and with \$131 million coming his way over the next seven years, that likely wasn't a very hard decision for the 27-year-old to make. For the Detroit Tigers, getting Eduardo Rodriguez was a step toward legitimacy. The five-year, \$77 million deal they shelled out for the former Boston lefty signals Detroit's entry at the pay-to-play table. The Tigers, in direct opposition to many of their reluctant contemporaries, understand that winning in this league takes spending money.

The Yankees, a franchise used to spending money, will clearly have to do so if they want to fortify their rotation behind Gerrit Cole. Knowing that their ex-fling Andrew Heaney got \$8.5 million from the Dodgers on a "we can fix him" deal, the Yankees or any other team would likely pay \$10 million on a similar contract for someone like Dylan Bundy or Yusei Kikuchi. Bundy and Kikuchi each struggled in 2021, but they were better than Heaney was in pinstripes and possess better stuff than the Yankees' awful addition.

Rodriguez's arrangement with the Tigers means that if the Yankees want to shop in the more expensive wing of the store, they better be ready to add three digits in the "millions" section. Kevin Gausman and Marcus Stroman (who seemingly doesn't have any interest in being a Yankee) both threw more innings than Rodriguez last year and had better numbers in free agent Robertson statistical categories. Free agent Robbie Ray was literally voted the best pitcher in the American League.

While all of them are older than Rodriguez, their well-timed contract years paired with Rodriguez's financial come up creates a circumstance where all three should rightfully campaign for \$100 million.

SCOREBOARD

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE				
ATLANTIC	W	L	PCT	GB
Brooklyn	13	5	.722	—
Boston	10	8	.556	3
Philadelphia	10	8	.556	3
New York	8	8	.529	3½
Toronto	9	10	.444	5
SOUTHEAST	W	L	PCT	GB
Miami	11	6	.647	—
Washington	11	6	.549	1
Charlotte	9	8	.579	—
Atlanta	9	9	.500	2½
Orlando	4	14	.222	7½
CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB
Chicago	12	6	.667	—
Milwaukee	10	8	.556	2
Cleveland	9	9	.500	3
Indiana	8	11	.421	4½
Detroit	4	12	.250	7

WESTERN CONFERENCE				
SOUTHWEST	W	L	PCT	GB
Dallas	9	7	.563	—
Memphis	9	8	.529	½
San Antonio	4	12	.250	5
New Orleans	3	16	.158	7½
Houston	1	16	.059	8½
NORTHWEST	W	L	PCT	GB
Utah	11	6	.647	—
Denver	9	8	.529	2
Portland	8	8	.529	2
Minnesota	8	9	.471	3
Oklahoma City	6	11	.353	5
PACIFIC	W	L	PCT	GB
Golden State	15	2	.882	—
Phoenix	14	3	.824	1
L.A. Clippers	10	7	.588	5
L.A. Lakers	9	9	.500	6½
Sacramento	6	12	.333	9½

TUESDAY'S RESULTS
Miami at Detroit, late
L.A. Lakers at New York, late
Denver at Portland, late
Dallas at L.A. Clippers, late

WEDNESDAY'S GAMES
Charlotte at Orlando, 7p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Indiana, 7p.m.
Phoenix at Cleveland, 7p.m.
Brooklyn at Boston, 7:30p.m.
Chicago at Houston, 8p.m.
Detroit at Milwaukee, 8p.m.
Miami at Minnesota, 8p.m.
Toronto at Memphis, 8p.m.
Utah at Oklahoma City, 8p.m.
Washington at New Orleans, 8p.m.
Atlanta at San Antonio, 8:30p.m.
Philadelphia at Golden State, 10p.m.
Portland at Sacramento, 10p.m.

MONDAY'S RESULTS
Brooklyn 117, Cleveland 112
Charlotte 109, Washington 103
Atlanta 113, Oklahoma City 101
Boston 108, Houston 90
Indiana 109, Chicago 77
Milwaukee 123, Orlando 92
Minnesota 110, New Orleans 96
Phoenix 115, San Antonio 111
Memphis 119, Utah 118
Philadelphia 102, Sacramento 94

ODDS

COLLEGE BASKETBALL WEDNESDAY				
FAVORITE	LINE	O/U	UNDERDOG	
at FIU	12½	(142½)	N. Dakota	
Michigan St.	3	(139)	at Loyola (Chi)	
at UConn	2½	(142)	Auburn	
at E. Michigan	1	(150½)	W. Illinois	
UTSA	5½	(145)	Lamar	
Cal Poly	7½	(135)	at Idaho	
at Air Force	9	(127)	Denver	
Syracuse	7	(133)	at VCU	
at Utah Valley	2	(139)	Nicholls St.	
at Michigan	22½	(129)	Tarleton	
Honolulan	2	(145)	at Monmouth	
at Xavier	8	(135)	Iowa State	
Baylor	11	(146½)	at Arizona St.	
at La. Tech	18½	(138½)	La-Monroe	
at SMU	14½	(141)	S. Houston	
CS Fullerton	6½	(145)	at N. Arizona	
at Texas	23½	(140)	Cal Baptist	
Vanderbilt	3	(133)	at Pittsburgh	
at UNC-Wilm.	3	(133)	So. Miss.	
at Montana5	142½	UC San Diego		
Memphis	1	(140½)	at Va. Tech	
TCU	10	(137½)	at Pepperdine	
at Santa Clara	4½	(142½)	Fresno St.	

NBA WEDNESDAY				
FAVORITE	LINE	O/U	UNDERDOG	
Phoenix	7	(off)	at Cleveland	
at Orlando	off	(off)	Charlotte	
at Indiana	off	(off)	LA Lakers	
at Boston	off	(off)	Brooklyn	
at Okla. City	off	(off)	Chicago	
at Houston	off	(off)	Miami	
at Minnesota	off	(off)	Toronto	
at Memphis	off	(off)	Detroit	
at Milwaukee	14	(21½)	at Utah	
at New Orleans	off	(off)	Washington	
at Utah	23½	(140)	at San Antonio	
Portland	2½	(224)	at Sacramento	
at Golden St.	off	(off)	Philadelphia	

NHL WEDNESDAY				
FAVORITE	LINE	UNDERDOG	LINE	
Boston	-236	at Buffalo	+191	
at Florida	178	Philadelphia	+147	
Minnesota	-127	at New Jersey	+106	
at Pittsburgh	-207	Vancouver	+170	
at Washington	-204	Montreal	+168	
Winnipeg	-127	at Columbus	+115	
St. Louis	-135	at Detroit	+104	
N.Y. Rangers	-123	at N.Y. Islanders	+105	
at Nashville	-123	Vegas	+103	
at Colorado	-231	Anaheim	+187	
Toronto	-161	at Los Angeles	+137	
Carolina	-151	at Seattle	+127	
Edmonton	-234	at Arizona	+187	
at San Jose	-172	Ottawa	+146	

COLLEGE FOOTBALL THURSDAY				
FAVORITE	SP	O/U	UNDERDOG	
Fresno St.	7½	(52½)	at San Jose St	
at Miss St.	1½	(62)	Mississippi	
FRIDAY				
at Texas	3	(52½)	Kansas State	
Ohio	5½	(48½)	at Bowl Green	
at C. Michigan	8½	(64)	E. Michigan	
Boise State	2½	(44½)	at S. Diego St.	
Utah State	15½	(49½)	at N. Mexico	
Iowa	1½	(41)	at Nebraska	
at UAB	13½	(50½)	UTEP	
at UCF	18½	(62)	South Florida	
Cincinnati	14	(58)	at E. Carolina	
at Arkansas	14½	(62½)	Missouri	
at Air Force	17½	(49½)	UNLV	
Co. Carolina	15	(56½)	at Alabama	
at Utah	23½	(52½)	Colorado	
at Iowa State	15	(58½)	TCU	
at NC State	6	(62½)	N. Carolina	
Washington St.	1	(43½)	at Washington	

SATURDAY				
Navy	12½	(43½)	at Temple	
Ohio State	8	(64½)	at Michigan	
Maryland	1½	(53)	at Rutgers	
at Florida	3	(59)	Florida St.	
at Baylor	14½	(52)	Texas Tech	
at Kent State	1	(65½)	Miami (Ohio)	
Georgia	35	(54½)	at Ga. Tech	
Houston	32½	(56)	at Conn	
at Liberty	3½	(53½)	Army	
Wake Forest	4½	(64)	at Bosto nColl.	
at Toledo	28½	(57½)	Akron	
Miami	21½	(68½)	at Duke	
Louisiana Tech	3	(52½)	at Rice	
at Arkansas St.	2	(61½)	Texas State	
at Georgia St.	6½	(49½)	Troy	
UTSA	10½	(59½)	at N. Texas	
at Old Dominion	9½	(56)	Charlotte	
at Appal St.	24½	(55½)	Ga. Southern	
at N. Mexico St.	6½	(58½)	UMass	
at So. Miss.	10½	(45½)	FIU	
at Wyoming	10	(48)	Hawaii	
at Illinois	6½	(43½)	Northwestern	
Penn State	1	(51½)	at Michigan St.	
at Oregon	7	(61)	Oregon State	
Purdue	19½	(55½)	at Auburn	
Alabama	1	(74½)	W. Kentucky	
at Marshall	31½	(62½)	Vanderbilt	
at Tennessee	7	(62½)	Virginia Tech	
at Virginia	20	(53½)	Arizona	
at Arizona St.	7	(39)	at Minnesota	
at SMU	6½	(62)	TCU	
Texas A&M	6½	(45½)	at LSU	
West Virginia	15½	(55½)	at Kansas	
at FAU	3½	(49½)	Mid Tenn.	
at Memphis	6	(58)	at Tulsa	
at Oklahoma St.	6	(50½)	Oklahoma	
at Louisville	3	(57)	Kentucky	
Clemson	11½	(43)	at S. Carolina	
Pittsburgh	13	(58)	at Syracuse	
Notre Dame	19	(52½)	at Stanford	
Nevada	4½	(62½)	at Colorado St.	
at UCLA	7	(57½)	California	
BYU	7	(64½)	at USC	

NFL WEEK 12				
FAVORITE	SP	O/U	THURSDAY	
Chicago	3	(41½)	at Detroit	
at Dallas	7½	(50½)	Las Vegas	
Buffalo	5½	(45½)	at New Orleans	
SUNDAY				
Tampa Bay	3	(51½)	at Indpls	
at Houston	2½	(44½)	NY Jets	
Philadelphia	3½	(46)	at N.Y. Giants	
Carolina	1½	(42½)	at Miami	
at New Eng.	6½	(44½)	Tennessee	
at Cincinnati	4½	(45)	Pittsburgh	
Atlanta	1	(46½)	at Jacksonville	
LA Chargers	3	(47½)	at Denver	
at Green Bay	1	(47½)	LA Rams	
at San Fran.	3	(48)	Minnesota	
at Baltimore	3½	(46)	Cleveland	
at Washington	1	(46½)	Seattle	

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NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE										
ATLANTIC	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA			
Florida	18	13	2	3	29	71	47			
Toronto	20	13	6	1	27	51	45			
Tampa Bay	17	10	4	3	23	55	52			
Detroit	20	8	9	3	19	54	47			
Boston	15	9	6	0	18	46	43			
Buffalo	18	7	9	2	16	53	61			
Montreal	20	5	13	2	12	44	70			
Ottawa	16	4	11	1	9	41	59			
METRO.	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA			
Carolina	17	14	2	1	29	57	34			
Washington	19	11	3	5	27	64	44			
N.Y. Rangers	18	11	4	3	25	51	51			
Columbus	16	10	6	0	20	57	51			
Pittsburgh	18	8	6	4	20	54	52			
Philadelphia	16	8	5	3	19	43	44			
New Jersey	16	8	5	3	19	48	49			
N.Y. Islanders	15	5	8	2	12	31	47			

WESTERN CONFERENCE										
CENTRAL	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA			
Minnesota	18	11	6	1	23	64	59			
St. Louis	18	10	6	2	22	61	49			
Winnipeg	18	9	5	4	22	51	48			
Nashville	18	10	7	1	21	50	50			
Colorado	15	9	5	1	19	61	49			
Dallas	16	7	7	2	16	43	51			
Chicago	18	6	10	2	14	40	58			
Arizona	19	4	13	2	10	34	69			
PACIFIC	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA			
Calgary	19	11	3	5	27	63	36			
Edmonton	17	13	4	0	26	68	50			
Anaheim	19	10	6	3	23	63	51			
Vegas	19	11	8	0	22	59	59			
San Jose	18	8	7	3	19	46	51			
Los Angeles	18	8	7	3	19	47	46			
Vancouver	19	6	11	2	14	46	62			
Seattle	18	5	12	1	11	52	68			

TUESDAY'S RESULTS
Philadelphia at Tampa Bay, late
Edmonton at Dallas, late
Chicago at Calgary, late

WEDNESDAY'S GAMES
Boston at Buffalo, 7p.m.
Minnesota at New Jersey, 7p.m.
Montreal at Washington, 7p.m.
Philadelphia at Florida, 7p.m.
Vancouver at Pittsburgh, 7p.m.
Winnipeg at Columbus, 7p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at N.Y. Islanders, 7:30p.m.
St. Louis at Detroit, 7:30p.m.
Vegas at Nashville, 8p.m.
Anaheim at Colorado, 9p.m.
Carolina at Seattle, 10p.m.
Edmonton at Arizona, 10p.m.
Toronto at Los Angeles, 10p.m.
Ottawa at San Jose, 10:30p.m.

MONDAY'S RESULTS
Columbus 7, Buffalo 4
St. Louis 5, Vegas 2
Nashville 3, Anaheim 2
Pittsburgh 3, Winnipeg 1
Colorado 7, Ottawa 5
San Jose 2, Carolina 1(OT)

SOCCER

MLS PLAYOFFS
EAST FIRST ROUND
Tue: #3 Nashville vs. #6 Orlando, late
WEST FIRST ROUND
Tue: #2 Seattle vs. #7 Real Salt Lake, late

EAST CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS
Sunday: Nas/Orl vs. #7 Phila., 5:30 p.m.
WEST CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS
Thur: #1 Colo. vs. #4 Portland, 4:30 p.m.
Sunday: #3 SKC vs. Sea/Salt Lake, TBA

ENGLISH PREMIER LEAGUE
SATURDAY'S MATCHES
Arsenal vs. Newcastle, 7:30a.m.
Crystal Palace vs. Aston Villa, 10a.m.
Liverpool vs. Southampton, 10a.m.
Norwich vs. Wolverhampton, 10a.m.
Brighton vs. Leeds, 12:30p.m.

NFL

AMERICAN CONFERENCE										
EAST	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA				
New England	7	4	0	.636	300	177				
Buffalo	6	4	0	.600	295	176				
Miami	4	7	0	.364	201	269				
N.Y. Jets	2	8	0	.200	178	320				
SOUTH	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA				
Tennessee	8	3	0	.727	291	254				
Indianapolis	6	5	0	.545	309	245				
Houston	2	8	0	.200	150	271				
Jacksonville	2	8	0	.200	159	262				
NORTH	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA				
Baltimore	7	3	0	.700	247	230				
Cincinnati	6	4	0	.600	268	216				
Pittsburgh	5	4	1	.550	214	226				

MEN'S BASKETBALL
Wednesday: vs. Auburn, Battle
4 Atlantis, 2:30 p.m., ESPN

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL
Dec. 3: at Seton Hall, 7 p.m.,
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Battle 4 Atlantis Tournament: No. 22 UConn vs. No. 19 Auburn

By **Alexa Philippou**
Hartford Courant

PARADISE ISLAND, BAHAMAS — UConn men's basketball coach Dan Hurley was far from thrilled with how his team played Saturday against mid-major program Binghamton, even though the Huskies came away with a 24-point win.

The Huskies' Battle 4 Atlantis tournament opener Wednesday offers a chance for the squad to bounce back, but they have to do so against the toughest team they've yet to face. No. 22 UConn (4-0) will play its first ranked opponent of the season, No. 19 Auburn (3-0), at 2:30 p.m. on ESPN.

Hurley is hoping that, if anything, Saturday was the "wake-up call" his team needed to come out as he knows they're capable of playing.

"Obviously a lot of things in the way that we played on Saturday would take a wrecking ball to our chances of winning [this week] if we do it again," Hurley said. "Hopefully, we will look back on the tournament saying we're glad that the things happened Saturday because it allowed us to course-correct."

Hurley has tremendous respect for Auburn, who he said could be good enough to make an Elite Eight or Final Four run. It's not simply its depth, attacking style, size,

and athleticism that stands out, but more so its toughness. Hurley went as far to call the Tigers "one of the hardest playing teams in the country, and the way that they play negates the advantage that we have over most teams."

Auburn boasts a 23-point win over Morehead State, a 28-point one over Louisiana-Monroe and a six-point road victory over USF.

"They play really hard. They're really athletic, so they can match us on that level," UConn sophomore Andre Jackson said. "It's going to be a really good game. We're both really hard-nosed teams, so it'll be a fun game to watch and definitely an intense and physical game."

The road won't get much easier after Wednesday. No. 6 Baylor, the defending national champs, are in the tournament, as well as Michigan State and Loyola-Chicago, who both received votes in the latest Associated Press poll.

Regardless of how the Huskies fare this weekend, the primary goal is to become a better team by the end of it.

"These games are important in terms of what you're trying to do long-term, learning about your team and where your blind spots are and where you really, really need to get better," Hurley said. "The level of competition is going to rise significantly here, and the areas where we need to improve will be exposed this week."

Here's what else you need to know about the matchup.



UConn's Adama Sanogo drives against Long Island on Wednesday in Storrs. **PAUL CONNORS/AP**

The basics

Site: Atlantis, Paradise Island, The Bahamas
Time: 2:30 p.m.
Series: Auburn leads, 2-1
Last meeting: Auburn 89, UConn 64, Dec. 23 2017, in Auburn, Alabama
TV: ESPN (Karl Ravech, Jimmy Dykes)
Radio: UConn IMG Sports Network on 97.9 ESPN (Wayne Norman, Mike Crispino)
Next up: UConn will play either Michigan State or Loyola-Chicago Thursday
Elsewhere in the bracket: On Wednesday, Michigan State and Loyola-Chicago play at noon, followed by Syracuse-VCU at 5 p.m. and Baylor-Arizona State at 7:30 p.m.

Auburn probable starters, sixth man

Jabari Smith, F, 6-10, Fr.; Wendell Green Jr., G, 5-11, So.; Zep Jasper, G, 6-1, Sr.; Walker Kessler, F, 7-1, So.; Devan Cambridge, G, 6-6, Jr.; K.D. Johnson, G, 6-0, So.

UConn probable starters, sixth man

Isaiah Whaley, F, 6-9, Gr.; Tyrese Martin, G, 6-6, Sr.; Adama Sanogo, F, 6-9, So.; Andre Jackson, G, 6-6, So.; R.J. Cole, G, 6-1, Gr.; Jalen Gaffney, G, 6-3, Jr.

The matchup

UConn's offense: Ranked 29th in the country per KenPom, Sanogo is the leading scorer at 15.8 points per game, but the squad is still a remarkably balanced group with Martin, Cole, Tyler Polley and Gaffney also averaging double figures. That's not even including the likes of Jackson, who can heat up, freshman Jordan Hawkins, who's still finding is footing after missing the first two games of the season due to injury, and Akok Akok, who's finally made his return after tearing his Achilles in Feb. 2020.

UConn's defense: The real heart of

this UConn team is ranked 18th in the country per KenPom. Albeit against overmatched opponents, the Huskies have limited opponents to 33.0% shooting from the field (24.4% from 3). They own a +13.0 margin on the boards, with Jackson, Sanogo and Martin each collecting at least six rebounds per game, and other teams have averaged 22.3 turnovers per game against them. Their 51.3 points allowed per game are the fifth-lowest for a Division I team.

Auburn's offense: The Tigers' offense is ranked 30th in the country per KenPom. Johnson (15.0), Smith (13.3) and Green (11.3) are averaging double figures. The team as a whole averages 76.0 points but scored just 58 against its best opponent yet, USF. The Tigers aren't great from the arc (29.3%) and are shooting an unimpressive 43.2% from the field but take care of the ball quite well.

Auburn's defense: Ranked 33th in the country per KenPom, the Tigers' defensive unit holds opponents to 37.9% shooting, a 28.6% clip from 3 and 57 points per game. The unit is fifth in the nation with 8.0 blocks per game, with Kessler accounting for nearly half of them.

UConn keys: Get back to its defensive identity and don't let Auburn's athleticism and ability to attack rock the Huskies back on their heels. They

must avoid another slow start, control the boards and win the toughness battle.

Players to watch: Hurley wasn't thrilled with Sanogo's last two games, and he'll have his work cut out for him against Auburn's tough front court, which features the 7-1 Kessler and potential top-five NBA pick Smith. "He's going to have to play a big-time game for us," Hurley said. "The best players have to play great to win games like this. Going to have to make contributions across the board and going to have to be incredibly tough, because they play really hard."

About Auburn's coach: Bruce Pearl sports a 603—237 record entering Wednesday's matchup (141—92 at Auburn) after previous stops at Tennessee, Milwaukee and Southern Indiana (the latter where he won a Division II national title and national coach of the year honors). The Tigers have made two NCAA appearances under his watch, including in 2019 when the squad beat Kansas, North Carolina and Kentucky to advance to the Final Four.

Auburn's mascot: Aubie the Tiger.

Famous alumni: NBA legend Charles Barkley, Apple CEO Tim Cook, actress Octavia Spencer.

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Powder puff

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"It's taken off into such a huge thing," said Meaghan Whalen, a 2012 Lyman Hall graduate who helped organize this year's activities. "No one even thought it would happen. It's always something people looked forward to. The hype of the game and the hype of playing increases every year."

"There are generations of families who have played. Mothers, daughters. It's super cool to me to think it's a family tradition."

The game is now called the Samaha Bowl. Judy Samaha died in July 2020 at age 75.

"I talked to a couple people who were there in the very beginning and we were saying that Judy would have absolutely loved the alumni game," said Cherlyn Gill, a Lyman Hall graduate who played in the 1978 game won by Lyman Hall.

"There was an awesome crowd. To know what she started — 'Let's get the seniors, all the seniors, not just the athletes, let's get the seniors, to be part of something,' To see that 50 years later, that we still have that passion for that game — Judy would have been blown away."

Gill, 60, an elementary school teacher in Meriden, was quick to point out Lyman Hall holds a 35-13 lead in the rivalry (there was a 14-14 tie in 1984, breaking up an eight-game win streak by Lyman Hall).

Her daughter, Katie, went to Sheehan and coaches field hockey there now, but teaches health and physical education at Lyman Hall. She played in the 40th game in 2011 and Sheehan won 48-44 in the series' highest-scoring game.

"My mom told me all about

powder puff and the traditions and everything," Katie said. "This whole week, being in school and being part of the tradition, is one of the coolest things. Once it gets to November, that's all everybody talks about is powder puff. They're counting down the days."

Cherlyn likes to remind Katie about how she scored all the points in her game in 1979.

But Katie had the last word. She lined up against Cherlyn for the first time at the alumni game and Sheehan won.

"The best part was playing against my mom," she said. "My goal was to beat her. I played quarterback. We won so I get to rub it in her face. I'm 2-0."

"Yeah, my daughter's bragging about that, 'I'm 2-0 Mom, and you're not,'" Cherlyn said.

The rivalry between the two schools is still fierce and when kids started to go to different schools than their parents, it can get a little tense sometimes.

"My older and younger brothers [who went to Lyman Hall], their kids went to Sheehan," Cherlyn said. "My younger brother will tell you: 'I won't put that color on.'"

Last year, the game was held in the spring, due to the pandemic and Lyman Hall won, 21-14. Lyman Hall is on a five-game win streak.

Whalen played in 2011 and lost. Her sister played in 2019 and won.

"Unfortunately, Sheehan won [in 2011]," Whalen said. "We lost by one touchdown. Ridiculous. But it is what it is."

It still bothers her. "Yeah, a little bit," she said.

But after the alumni game, bragging rights be damned, everyone gathered and reminisced.

"There's still a rivalry," Whalen said. "You get on the field and you want to win. Everybody hung out at the end. It was a good time."

Manchester

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Montville, who has run the race for 40 years. "Here's a thing I've been doing since 1980."

"We had [Thanksgiving] at my house. No one knew what to do with me because I came home, and I wasn't my usual jovial self. At the end of the day, I was trying to process it. Was that Thanksgiving?"

Dani Kennedy of Vernon had run in the race the last 29 years. She went to her son's house last year on Wednesday night.

"We normally go after the race," Kennedy said. "Normally, we're the last people arriving. People are like, 'Don't let those people bring the appetizers because they're going to get here so late.'"

"The other side of the family is probably thinking, 'Why do we have to eat at 4 o'clock? Why can't we eat at 1 like most people?'"

Irene Smith, a retired nurse who has been the finish line

coordinator since 1978, didn't know what to do with herself last year.

"I went to Rhode Island to my son's house," Smith said. "It was very weird. I can't say I was depressed, but I was kind of beside myself about the whole thing. It was so foreign to me. It was almost lonely. Even though you have people around."

Smith will be back organizing the 400 or so volunteers Thursday. The Kennedy family will be eating at 4 p.m. again. Festa and his group will be sporting plaid masks along with their plaid jackets. Moran will be holding the finish line banners when the winners cross, and Balcome will get to say his signature phrase once again to the masses.

Amby Burfoot of Mystic, a nine-time Manchester winner, will run in his 59th straight Manchester Road Race. He's happy to be back.

"I had a nice run and Thanksgiving dinner [last year]," he said. "But I certainly missed the energy and spirit and friendship of the crowd in Manchester."

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

UConn women now 3rd in poll

Staff and wire reports

South Carolina was the unanimous choice as the No. 1 team in The Associated Press women's basketball poll released Tuesday after a dominant win over then-No. 2 UConn. The Gamecocks won the inaugural Battle 4 Atlantis women's championship Monday in the 61st meeting between the top two teams in the AP poll.

Men's basketball

Central Connecticut State 64, Maine 56: At Orono, Maine, Tre Mitchell led four

players in double figures as the Blue Devils picked up their first win over the season in a nonconference game on the road. Davonte Sweatman had 11 points for Central (1-5).

New Hampshire 84, Quinnipiac 69: At Durham, N.H., Jayden Martinez had a career-high 33 points plus 14 rebounds as New Hampshire got past Quinnipiac. Blondeau Tchoukieugno had 13 points for New Hampshire (2-2).

Merrimack 75, Hartford 60: At North Andover, Mass., the Warriors jumped out to a 37-26 first-half lead and handed the winless Hawks their fifth straight loss to start the season.



Safety Tip of the Day

A live Christmas tree can pose a few challenges if it is not cared for properly. Make sure to keep a live tree watered so that it doesn't dry out and become a fire hazard.

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NATIONAL SPORTS REPORT

SHORTS

Big deal: Rays set to reward Franco



Wander Franco made it to the majors last season as a 20-year-old and quickly showed the talent to be a star for a long time. The Rays were impressed enough to invest — at a record-breaking amount — in his future, and are close to finalizing a 12-year contract that guarantees the shortstop around \$185 million and could be worth up to \$223 million, according to reports Tuesday. The deal will be the largest in Rays history, and for a player with less than one year of service time in the major leagues. Franco, who turns 21 on March 1, was called up from Triple A on June 22 and made a smashing debut. After a couple weeks to get adjusted, he showed the hype was real, leading all American League rookies after the All-Star break with a .314 average, 69 hits and 45 runs while striking out only three times in his last 97 plate appearances. Though Franco played in only 70 games, he finished third in the AL rookie of the year voting. Franco has been pegged for stardom since signing at age 16 for a \$3.825 million bonus, and he was ranked the top prospect in the game for consecutive seasons.

Goff may return on Thanksgiving



The Lions may celebrate Thanksgiving with Jared Goff under center. Coach Dan Campbell said Tuesday that Goff is recovering well from the strained oblique that kept him out of last week's loss to the Browns and likely will play against the Bears on Thursday. "I thought he was better today," Campbell said. "I think it's leaning that way. We'll see." Goff injured his side early in a Week 10 tie with the Steelers and sat out last week's game in which Tim Boyle made his first career start. Goff went through an extensive throwing workout Monday and tested the injury again Tuesday before the team's walkthrough. Goff has missed just two games with injury in his six-year NFL career, one while with the Rams at the end of last season because of a broken throwing thumb, and last week. "He's tough," Campbell said. "And that's, honestly that's part of my concern is because I know how tough he is, ... and I know how bad he wants to play. ... But I do want to make sure he's definitely ready to go. And I do think it's trending that way." At 0-9-1, the Lions are the only winless team in the NFL.

Man U makes UCL knockout stage



A smart piece of improvisation by Cristiano Ronaldo helped send Manchester United into the last 16 of the Champions League as Michael Carrick's spell as the English club's interim manager began with a 2-0 win at Villarreal on Tuesday. Scoring his fifth goal of this group stage and 140th overall in the competition, Ronaldo, above, adjusted his feet and lobbed the goalkeeper with a first-time effort in the 78th minute after Fred won the ball back high up the field. Jadon Sancho then scored his first goal since his \$100 million move to United, firing in off the underside of the crossbar in the 90th minute at the end of a sweeping counterattack that used to be a feature under Ole Gunnar Solskjaer. Solskjaer is gone, fired Sunday following a run of woeful results that culminated in a humiliating 4-1 loss at Watford in the Premier League. Carrick, one of Solskjaer's assistants, is filling in until a more long-term interim is found and he put his stamp on the team by dropping Bruno Fernandes and starting Donny van de Beek. United leads Group F with 10 points, three more than Villarreal. —News services



LeBron James was ejected from the Lakers' game against the Pistons on Sunday night and served a one-game ban Tuesday. NIC ANTAYA/GETTY

NBA ANALYSIS

Suspension sends message

LeBron's 1-game ban shows league not messing around

By Tim Reynolds
Associated Press

LeBron James missed one game. Markieff Morris will miss his eighth, with no end in sight. Those two things are more connected than some might realize. By suspending James for Tuesday night's game against New York — the Lakers' lone visit to Madison Square Garden this season — over his role in an incident against the Pistons on Sunday, the NBA sent a very loud, very clear message to anyone who might want to partake in future on-court dustups. Enough is enough. Sunday night's mess in Detroit — the second significant on-court fracas in the NBA this season — earned James the first suspension of his 19-year career, plus got the Pistons' Isaiah Stewart a two-game suspension on top of the eight stitches that were needed to close a gash in his head. "He felt like he got a cheap shot across his brow," Pistons coach Dwane Casey said. "On the street, it'd be a different story." Maybe so. But the NBA isn't played on the street and the league doesn't want anything like that happening on its watch. So, after two very ugly incidents separated by only a couple of weeks, the NBA decided to hit back by sitting down its biggest name. James was ejected for throwing the elbow that turned the scuffle into a melee. The

NBA had options about what other sanctioning was needed. There was precedent for just fining James, as has been the case in some similar situations. But the league evidently thought that wouldn't be enough and went with the suspension, for a nationally televised game in arguably the world's most famous arena. Fans obviously noticed his absence. And NBA players will as well. If James can be suspended, anybody can be suspended. And that message should resonate loudly at a couple of upcoming games in the next few days — a Pistons-Lakers rematch in Los Angeles on Sunday, a game that both James and Stewart will be eligible to play in, and the Nuggets' trip to Miami on Monday. Nuggets-Heat II will be the rematch of a game on Nov. 8, marred in the final moments by Morris overzealously fouling reigning MVP Nikola Jokic and Jokic responding with a hard forearm into Morris' back. The force of Jokic's hit sent the Heat's 245-pound forward reeling. Morris — generally considered one of the league's tough guys — was in obvious and immediate pain. Jokic was suspended for one game. Morris hasn't played since, and the Heat have given no indication that he's even remotely close to returning. Of all the principal players in these two on-court incidents, with all due respect to Jokic and James combining to lose about a half-million dollars in salary and Stewart being bloodied up, nobody has come away with a worse fate than Morris. He can't play and the Heat have missed him. By the time the Nuggets visit the Heat on Monday, Morris' absence will be up to 11

games. And counting. It could be a circus Monday night in Miami, which, of course, is exactly what the NBA does not want. Jokic's two brothers have tickets to the game. They're quite recognizable and easily excitable, as evidenced by some of their past antics during games. Their infamous Twitter account was short-lived, and it's reasonable to say the league didn't find the war of words entertaining between the Jokic brothers and Markieff Morris' twin brother Marcus Morris of the Clippers. And don't forget that Heat forward Jimmy Butler was fined and reportedly yelled down the hallway separating the two locker rooms postgame to tell Nuggets players that they know where the Heat's bus was parked, presumably in case anybody wanted to stop by and discuss matters further. The NBA cannot be happy that there's going to be so much attention on those two games, because that attention is there for the wrong reasons. The league also can't be happy that the incident in Detroit on Sunday drew obvious parallels to the infamous "Malice at the Palace" melee in Auburn Hills, Michigan in 2004, when a cup was tossed from the stands and triggered perhaps the worst brawl in U.S. sports history when members of the Pistons and Pacers went into the crowd. James won't like the suspension, nor will the Lakers. And it could be argued he didn't necessarily deserve one, either. The NBA is sending a message, not to James, but to the whole league. This needs to end now.

CFP RANKINGS

Ohio State jumps to No. 2; Cincy cracks top 4

By Matt Murschel
Orlando Sentinel




Ohio State catapulted into the No. 2 spot in the latest College Football Playoff rankings Tuesday night. It tied the highest-ranking for the Buckeyes, who also were No. 2 in 2019, and it's a direct result of their dominating 56-7 win over then-No. 7 Michigan State on Saturday. Georgia (11-0) took the top spot for the fourth straight week after dominating Charleston Southern 56-7 on Saturday. The Bulldogs have a spot in the SEC championship game. They will face Alabama in Atlanta on Dec. 4. The Crimson Tide (10-1) dropped two spots to No. 3 after struggling to put away Arkansas 42-35. It was the fourth game decided by one score for Alabama. This week, the other big winner came from the Buckeye State as Cincinnati (11-0) moved into the fourth spot. The Bearcats thrashed SMU 48-14 to earn a spot in the American Athletic Conference championship game. No Group of Five team has qualified for the semifinals. Michigan (10-1) was No. 5, setting up a critical matchup this week against Ohio State in Ann Arbor. Notre Dame (10-1) was No. 6, while Oklahoma State (10-1) moved up two spots to No. 7 after punching its ticket to the Big 12 championship game with 23-0 win over Texas Tech on Saturday. The Cowboys host No. 10 Oklahoma (10-1) on Saturday. Baylor (9-2) was No. 8 and Ole Miss (9-2) was No. 9. Oregon (9-2) dropped out of the top four all the way to No. 11 after its 38-7 loss to Utah, which moved up to No. 19. These are the fourth of six weekly rankings released by the 13-member selection committee, with the final standings revealed on Sunday, Dec. 5. Those rankings will determine the four semifinalists and the teams participating in the New Year's Six bowl games. The two semifinals, which rotate annually, will occur in Dallas at the Cotton Bowl and Miami at the Orange Bowl on Friday, Dec. 31. The Peach (Dec. 30), Fiesta (Jan. 1), Rose (Jan. 1) and Sugar (Jan. 1) bowls host the rest of the New Year's Six games. If Cincinnati doesn't qualify for the semifinals, the Bearcats will earn an automatic spot in one of the New Year's Six Access bowl games as the top-ranked conference champion from the Group of Five. The College Football Playoff national championship game will take place Monday, Jan. 10, at Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis. Gary Barta, Mitch Barnhart, Paola Boivin, Tom Burman, Charlie Cobb, Boo Corrigan, Rick George, Will Shields, Gene Taylor, Joe Taylor, John Urschel, Rod West and Tyrone Willingham comprise the selection committee.

CFP rankings (Tuesday)

Rank, team	Record
1. Georgia	11-0
2. Ohio State	10-1
3. Alabama	10-1
4. Cincinnati	11-0
5. Michigan	10-1
6. Notre Dame	10-1
7. Oklahoma State	10-1
8. Baylor	9-2
9. Mississippi	9-2
10. Oklahoma	10-1
11. Oregon	9-2
12. Michigan State	9-2
13. BYU	9-2
14. Wisconsin	8-3
15. Texas A&M	8-3
16. Iowa	9-2
17. Pittsburgh	9-2
18. Wake Forest	9-2
19. Utah	8-3
20. NC State	8-3
21. San Diego State	10-1
22. UTSA	11-0
23. Clemson	8-3
24. Houston	10-1
25. Arkansas	7-4

WEATHER

WEDNESDAY






SUNRISE NOON SUNSET

Sunny and cool. Northwest winds around 10 mph.

HIGH 44°
LOW 25°

THURSDAY






SUNRISE NOON SUNSET

Partly sunny and milder. Showers developing late at night.

HIGH 53°
LOW 35°

FRIDAY






SUNRISE NOON SUNSET

Showers tapering off, mostly cloudy, becoming windy.

HIGH 45°
LOW 26°

SATURDAY






SUNRISE NOON SUNSET

Partly sunny, windy and very cool.

HIGH 41°
LOW 24°

SUNDAY







SUNRISE NOON SUNSET

Mixed clouds and sunshine, breezy and very cool.

HIGH 41°
LOW 25°

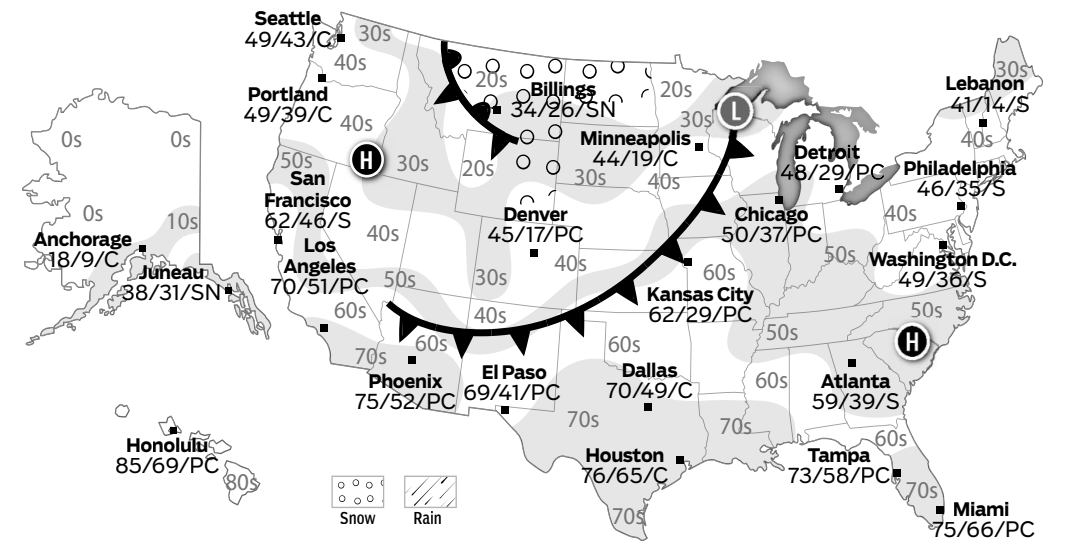
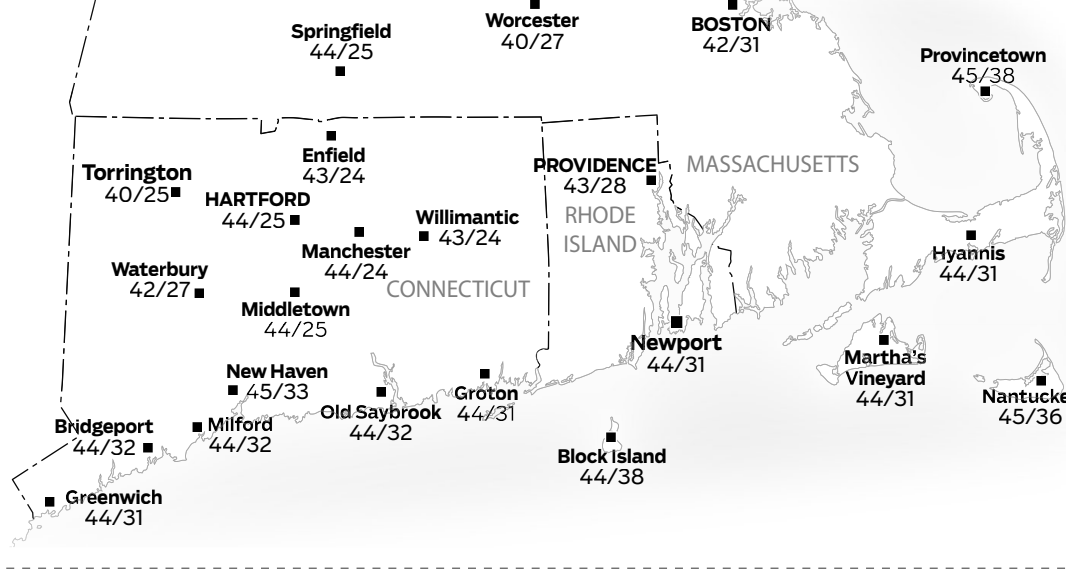
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OUTLOOK

Wednesday will be a major travel day for the Thanksgiving holiday period and thankfully the weather won't have a major impact across the eastern third of the country. The nearest precipitation will be scattered showers in the Midwest and the Plains. Here in Connecticut it will remain very cool with highs in the 40s. It will become partly cloudy and very chilly overnight with lows in the 20s and 30s. Thanksgiving Day will be partly sunny and milder, then a cold front will cause showers late Thursday night or early Friday morning. The showers should end midday Friday.

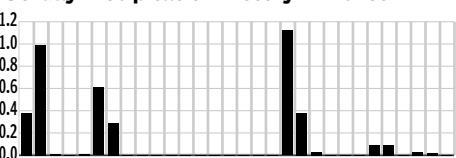
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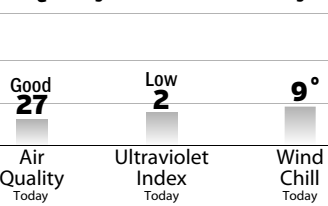
Precipitation In Inches	Total	Normal
Yesterday (by 7 p.m.)	0.00	0.13
Month to date	1.76	2.61
Total this year	51.80	42.07

Precipitation, temperature at Windsor Locks

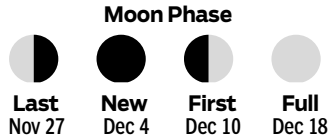
30-day Precipitation History In Inches



Air Quality Forecast For Today



	Today	Tomorrow
Sunrise	6:50 a.m.	6:52 a.m.
Sunset	4:24 p.m.	4:24 p.m.
Moonrise	8:36 p.m.	9:40 p.m.
Moonset	11:25 a.m.	12:02 p.m.



Tides	High	Low	Temp.
N.L. State Pier	12:33 a.m.	6:22 a.m.	52°
Saybrook Jetty	1:44 a.m.	7:15 a.m.	52°
Connecticut River at Portland	4:27 a.m.	11:01 a.m.	
Madison	4:35 p.m.	p.m.	
New Haven	1:50 a.m.	7:40 a.m.	52°
Stamford	1:55 p.m.	8:20 p.m.	
	2:10 a.m.	8:04 a.m.	52°
	2:15 p.m.	8:44 p.m.	
	2:14 a.m.	8:18 a.m.	55°
	2:19 p.m.	8:58 p.m.	

River Stage at Hartford: 6.88 feet at 6:30 p.m.

Boating	L.I. Sound W	L.I. Sound E	B.I. Sound
Weather	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny
Wind	NW, 10-15	NW, 10-20	NW, 10-20
Seas	2-3 ft.	2-4 ft.	2-4 ft.

Temperature	High	Low
Tuesday	41 at 1:31 p.m.	26 at 4:41 a.m.
Normal for date	48	31
Record for date	75 in 1931	5 in 2018
A year ago	47	35
Range this year	99	1

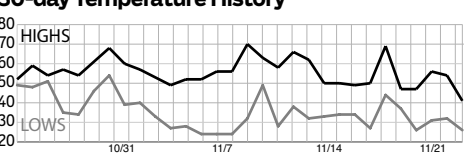
Heating Degree Days

Season 765

Normal 978

Last Season 844

30-day Temperature History



Atmosphere

High 30.04 at 7 p.m.

Low 29.89 at 12 a.m.

Barometer

High 30.04 at 7 p.m.

Low 29.89 at 12 a.m.

Dew point

High 20° at 12 a.m.

Low 11° at 2 p.m.

AROUND THE WORLD

Today's forecast in cities not included in the maps above:

NEW ENGLAND					
Bangor	41 18 S	Baltimore	49 29 S	Nashville	60 43 S
Burlington	36 20 S	Bismarck	29 6 C	New Orleans	73 59 PC
Caribou	36 18 S	Boise	39 24 S	New York	46 37 S
Concord	42 13 S	Buffalo	48 37 PC	Oklahoma City	69 39 PC
Montpelier	37 12 S	Charleston	59 34 S	Omaha	53 22 C
Mt. Wash.	26 24 S	Cincinnati	54 39 PC	Orlando	72 55 PC
Portland	42 23 S	Cleveland	51 38 PC	Pittsburgh	47 32 S
Woods Hole	43 31 S	Indianapolis	52 43 PC	Raleigh	52 31 S
		Jacksonville	65 46 PC	St. Louis	63 39 PC
		Las Vegas	63 41 S	Salt Lake City	41 23 PC
		Miami Beach	75 69 PC	San Antonio	75 62 C
		Albuquerque	54 36 PC	San Diego	68 51 PC
		Atlantic City	48 28 S		

WORLD					
Amsterdam	48 36 C	Buenos Aires	86 75 PC	Budapest	43 28 PC
Athens	61 46 SH	Cairo	72 49 PC	Madrid	86 64 C
Bangkok	93 75 SH	Cancun	78 72 PC	Mexico City	55 58 PC
Barbados	86 74 SH	Dubai	93 72 S	Milan	69 50 PC
Beijing	50 28 S	Dublin	43 36 SH	Montreal	50 41 SH
Beirut	76 62 PC	Edinburgh	47 35 SH	Moscow	34 25 S
Berlin	48 34 C	Helsinki	43 30 S	Nassau	30 29 S
Bermuda	66 60 PC	Hong Kong	68 63 PC	New Delhi	76 70 PC
		Istanbul	55 45 R	Paris	81 54 PC
		Jerusalem	66 54 PC	Seoul	43 34 C
		Johannesburg	77 54 T	Warsaw	43 34 S

Kingston	89 73 PC	Stockholm	37 36 PC
Lisbon	59 45 PC	Sydney	79 66 SH
London	46 39 SH	Tel Aviv	75 53 PC
Madrid	48 39 SH	Tokyo	63 45 S
Mexico City	69 50 PC	Toronto	45 41 PC
Milan	50 41 SH	Vancouver	43 42 R
Montreal	34 25 S	Warsaw	43 34 S
Moscow	30 29 S		
Nassau	76 70 PC		
New Delhi	81 54 PC		
Paris	43 34 C		
Prague	43 28 PC		
Rio de Janeiro	81 68 R		
Rome	63 52 R		
Seoul	46 32 C		
Singapore	91 75 T		

TUESDAY'S HIGH SCHOOL RESULTS

FOOTBALL
CCC Tier 4 AVON 24, LEWIS MILLS 13 E.O. SMITH AT TOLLAND, LATE CCC Inter BLOOMFIELD 26, SIMSBURY 7 Pequot Sassacus VALLEY REGIONAL/OLD LYME 22, HADDAM-KILLINGWORTH 17 ECC Div. III WINDHAM 70, MONTVILLE 26 NVL Brass WCA 52, WILBY 0

WEDNESDAY'S HIGH SCHOOL SCHEDULE

FOOTBALL
CCC Tier 2: Wethersfield at Newington, 6p.m.; Windsor at Middletown, 6:30 p.m. Pequot Sassacus: North Branford at Coginchaug/Hale-Ray/East Hampton, 6p.m.; Old Saybrook/Westbrook at Morgan, 6:30p.m. Pequot Uncas: Windsor Locks/Suffield/East Granby at Stafford/East Windsor/Somers, 6p.m.; Ellington at Rockville, 6:30p.m. CTC: Thames River at Quinebaug Valley, 5p.m.; Wilcox Tech/Kaynor Tech at VG Techs, 6p.m. SCC Tier 2: Fairfield Prep at West Haven, 7p.m. SCC Inter: Guilford at Hand, 6p.m. NVL Copper: Seymour at Woodland, 6p.m. NVL Inter: St. Paul at Oxford, 6p.m. FCIAC West: Ridgefield at Danbury, 6 p.m. SWC: Masuk at Newtown, 6p.m.; New Milford at New Fairfield, 6p.m.; Notre Dame-Fairfield at Pomperaug, 6:30p.m.; Stratford at Bunnell, 7p.m. Others: Cromwell/Portland at Rocky Hill, 6p.m.

THURSDAY'S HIGH SCHOOL SCHEDULE

FOOTBALL
CCC Tier 1: Platt at Maloney, 10:30a.m. CCC Tier 3: Plainville at Farmington, 10 a.m.; Bristol Eastern at Bristol Central, 10:30a.m. CCC Tier 4: East Catholic at Northwest Catholic, 10:30a.m. Pequot Uncas: Granby/Canton at Gilbert/Northwestern/Housatonic, 10:30a.m. CTC: Northwest United at Abbott Tech/Immaculate, 10a.m.; O'Brien Tech at Platt Tech, 10a.m. SCC Tier 2: Hillhouse at Wilbur Cross, 10:30a.m. SCC Tier 3: Branford at East Haven, 10 a.m.; Law at Foran, 10:30a.m. SCC Inter: Amity at North Haven, 10 a.m.; Sheehan at Lyman Hall, 10:30a.m.; Notre Dame-West Haven at Hamden, 10:30a.m. ECC Div. I: NFA at New London, 10a.m. ECC Div. III: Griswold/Wheeler at Plainfield, 10a.m. ECC Inter: East Lyme at Waterford, 10 a.m.; Fitch at Ledyard, 10a.m.; Woodstock Academy at Killingly, 10:30a.m. NVL Brass: Kennedy at Crosby, 10a.m. NVL Iron: Watertown at Torrington, 10:15a.m. NVL Inter: Naugatuck at Ansonia, 10 a.m.; Wolcott at Holy Cross, 10a.m. FCIAC East: Darien at New Canaan, 10a.m.; Fairfield Ludlowe at Fairfield Warde, 10:30a.m.; McMahon at Norwalk, 10:30a.m. FCIAC West: St. Joseph at Trumbull, 10a.m.; Staples at Greenwich, 10a.m.; Westhill at Stamford, 10a.m. SWC: Bethel at Brookfield, 10a.m.; Weston at Barlow, 10a.m. Others: Cheshire at Southington, 10 a.m.; Bridgeport Central at Harding, 10a.m.; Stonington at Westerly (R.I.), 10a.m.

MONDAY'S LATE COLLEGE RESULT

MEN'S HOCKEY
SACRED HEART 4, AIR FORCE 2 TUESDAY'S COLLEGE RESULTS MEN'S BASKETBALL CENTRAL 64, MAINE 56 TRINITY 71, WESTERN NEW ENGLAND 68 (OT) EASTERN 88, JOHNSON & WALES 46 NEW HAMPSHIRE 84, QUINNIPIAC 69 HARTFORD AT MERRIMACK, LATE Rocket Mortgage Fort Myers Tip-Off (Fort Myers, Fla.) SOUTHERN UTAH 88, YALE 85 (OT) WOMEN'S BASKETBALL BROWN 72, HARTFORD 68 SKIDMORE 71, WESLEYAN 61 EASTERN 71, WESTERN NEW ENGLAND 55 ST. JOSEPH 67, ELMS 46 FAIRFIELD 76, NAVY 52 MEN'S HOCKEY ENDICOTT 3, WESLEYAN 0 SACRED HEART AT AIR FORCE, LATE WOMEN'S HOCKEY WESLEYAN 3, SALVE REGINA 2 YALE 2, LIU 1 (OT) SACRED HEART 4, POST 0 MANHATTANVILLE AT TRINITY, LATE

WEDNESDAY'S COLLEGE SCHEDULE MEN'S BASKETBALL Stony Brook at Fairfield, 2p.m. Battle 4Atlantis (Paradise Island, Bahamas) Auburn vs. UConn, 2:30p.m. Rocket Mortgage Fort Myers Tip-Off (Fort Myers, Fla.) Milwaukee vs. Yale, 11a.m. WOMEN'S BASKETBALL Yale at Boston University, noon Central at UMass Lowell, 1p.m. MEN'S HOCKEY Vermont at Yale, 7p.m. THURSDAY'S COLLEGE SCHEDULE MEN'S BASKETBALL Battle 4Atlantis (Paradise Island, Bahamas) TBD vs. UConn, time TBD COLLEGE FOOTBALL

LOCAL SCHEDULES/RESULTS UCONN (1-10) August 28: Fresno State 45, UConn 0 Sept. 4: Holy Cross 38, UConn 28 Sept. 11: Purdue 49, UConn 0 Sept. 18: Army 52, UConn 21 Sept. 25: Wyoming 24, UConn 22 Oct. 2: Vanderbilt 30, UConn 28 Oct. 9: UMass 27, UConn 13 Oct. 16: Sacred Heart 27, UConn 13 Oct. 23: LIU 30, Central 13 Oct. 30: Central 49, Merrimack 21 Nov. 6: Central 30, Bryant 15 Nov. 13: Duquesne 31, Central 27 Nov. 20: Central 24, St. Francis (Pa.) 21 TRINITY (8-1) Sept. 18: Trinity 42, Tufts 28 Sept. 25: Trinity 38, Bowdoin 14 Oct. 2: Trinity 28, Middlebury 0
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Oct. 9: Trinity 34, Hamilton 7 Oct. 16: Trinity 45, Bates 7 Oct. 23: Trinity 35, Colby 12 Oct. 30: Williams 42, Trinity 3 Nov. 6: Trinity 49, Amherst 7 Nov. 13: Trinity 14, Wesleyan 7 WESLEYAN (6-3) Sept. 18: Wesleyan 21, Colby 5 Sept. 25: Wesleyan 30, Hamilton 14 Oct. 2: Wesleyan 27, Bates 24 Oct. 9: Wesleyan 38, Bowdoin 35 Oct. 16: Wesleyan 36, Tufts 35 Oct. 23: Wesleyan 24, Middlebury 0 Oct. 30: Amherst 16, Wesleyan 14(4OT) Nov. 6: Williams 25, Wesleyan 0 Nov. 13: Trinity 14, Wesleyan 7 YALE (5-5) Sept. 18: Holy Cross 20, Yale 17 Sept. 25: Yale 23, Cornell 17 Oct. 2: Yale 34, Lehigh 0 Oct. 9: Dartmouth 24, Yale 17 Oct. 16: UConn 21, Yale 15 Oct. 23: Yale 42, Penn 28 Oct. 30: Yale 37, Columbia 30 Nov. 6: Yale 63, Brown 38 Nov. 13: Princeton 35, Yale 20 Nov. 20: Harvard 34, Yale 31 SACRED HEART (8-3) Sept. 4: Sacred Heart 21, Bucknell 0 Sept. 11: Bryant 17, Sacred Heart 6 Sept. 18: Sacred Heart 21, Morgan State 7 Sept. 25: Dartmouth 41, Sacred Heart 3 Oct. 2: Howard 22, Sacred Heart 17 Oct. 9: Sacred Heart 20, Merrimack 10 Oct. 16: Sacred Heart 27, Central 17 Oct. 23: Sacred Heart 31, Duquesne 13 Nov. 6: Sacred Heart 14, St. Francis (Pa.) 13 Nov. 13: Sacred Heart 27, Wagner 0 Nov. 20: Sacred Heart 38, LIU 14 AHL

STANDINGS							
Atlantic	GP	W	L	OTL	SOL	PTS	PCT
Springfield	16	12	2	2	0	26	.813
Hartford	16	11	3	2	0	24	.750
Hershey	15	7	5	2	1	17	.567
Providence	14	6	5	2	1	15	.536
W-B/Scr	15	7	6	0	2	16	.533
Charlotte	15	7	7	1	0	15	.500
Bridgeport	17	9	5	1	2	13	.382
Lehigh Valley	16	3	8	4	1	11	.344
North	GP	W	L	OTL	SOL	PTS	PCT
Utica	13	13	0	0	0	26	1.000
Cleveland	15	8	3	1	3	20	.667
Toronto	14	8	4	1	1	18	.643
Rochester	14	8	6	0	0	16	.571
Laval	15	7	7	1	0	15	.500
Syracuse	14	5	6	2	1	13	.464
Belleville	14	6	8	0	0	12	.429
Central	GP	W	L	OTL	SOL	PTS	PCT
Iowa	13	8	4	1	0	17	.654
Chicago	14	8	4	1	1	18	.643
Manitoba	16	9	6	1	0	19	.594
Grand Rapids	14	6	5	2	1	15	.536
Texas	14	6	6	1	1	14	.500
Rockford	12	5	6	1	0	11	.458
Milwaukee	14	4	9	1	0	9	.321
Pacific	GP	W	L	OTL	SOL	PTS	PCT
Stockton	13	10	1	2	0	22	.846
Ontario	14	11	2	0	1	23	.821
Henderson	14	7	5	1	1	16	.571
Bakersfield	13	6	5	1	1	14	.538
Abbotsford	11	4	4	2	1	11	.500
Colorado	15	6	7	0	2	14	.467
Tucson	12	5	6	1	0	11	.458
San Diego	12	5	6	1	0	11	.458
San Jose	12	5	6	1	0	11	.458

MONDAY'S LATE RESULT

ONTARIO 5, STOCKTON 3

TUESDAY'S RESULT

W-B/SCRANTON AT CHARLOTTE, LATE

WEDNESDAY'S SCHEDULE